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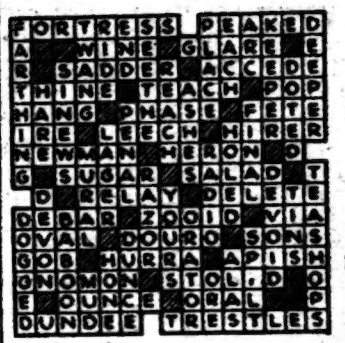

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Declaration.

"We have honestly and honourably kept faith with those who returned us to power" is Mr. Baldwin's assurance to his electors. The statement is worth examining in the light of facts.

Item by Item.

The Government undertook to end unemployment, re-establish trade and bring down food prices. It has done none of these things. It has given lip-service to peace and failed to carry out its words into deeds.

Real Action.

The one thing the Baldwin Government has done, and done well, is to build tariff walls for Britain higher than they ever went before.

The Sorry-go-round.

We warn the Government that the country is fed to the teeth with the policy of low wages, high tariffs and general drift. There will be a swift awakening at the General Election.

Rather Boring.

"The record of the Government" seems more and more meagre the oftener it is told. One wonders that Baldwin (like the Duke of Devonshire of Gladstone's day) does not sometimes yawn in the middle of his own speeches.

Unpleasant Truth.

Too many elections are fought on the "promise anything until the seat is won, then do as you like" plan. It would not be a bad plan if electors had the power of recall. It would make politicians more careful.

Evolution of "Jix."

Sir William Joynson-Hicks' capacity for Home Government is real proof that a man in earnest learns by experience. He has made mistakes, but takes criticism good-naturedly. Now the country benefits.

The Close-up.

"Jix" as an orator does not shine. But in quiet work behind the scenes he is admirable, and in no department of his office better than in dealing with youthful offenders.

New Ground.

Aiming at reformation rather than punishment, Sir William Joynson-Hicks is not afraid to make experiments. It is due to him that inmates of reformatory industrial schools throughout Great Britain now listen to educational talks by wireless, the sort of human move we have always advocated.

A Job at Last!

Parliament met again this week with a definite task—to get what good it can out of the Government's having opened the question of the burden of rates. If it could get away from Party and class, it might astonish the Government.

Not the Big Push.

Let it be clearly grasped that for the restoration of productive industry rating reform is not enough. Without energetic reconstruction it is only tinkering; it may mend a hole or two in the kettle, but it will never make the kettle boil.

A Money Mystery.

Agriculture for years has had nearly all its rates paid by the nation generally—to the tune last year, boasts Baldwin, of nearly £5,000,000. Yet large sections of agriculture are struggling and distressed. Then who gets the money?

The Wrong Tackle.

The truth is that, until the land system and the marketing system are reformed, "relief" for agriculture is throwing money down a bottomless pit. You can no more increase productive prosperity by subsidies than you can reduce unemployment by the "dole."

The Dodgery.

The Rating Bill being found "riddled with abuses," desperate attempts are being made to "twist" it into more popular form. The famous "twister of twists who twisted a twist" of the child's rhyme is being entirely outclassed by the present Government!

Anxiety.

One hundred big business men want Mr. Baldwin to alter the system of currency and credit. If they tried to alter the fatal ease with which good business deals are lost to this country it would be more to our liking.

Sheer Slackness.

The tendency to blame everything and anything except business inability for lost trade must be checked. Finding the scapegoat is a silly game. It merely shifts the blame without altering the evil.

Recognition Coming.

That elementary play is an essential part of elementary education has at last been dinned into public consciousness. The National Playing Fields Association has given a splendid lead.

One-way Traffic.

The task is too colossal for private hands. The Ministries of Health and Education must combine to bring the ideal of "every child its green field" to a practical conclusion.

Queer.

Diplomatists deem it "improbable" that the explosion of poison-gas in the midst of civilians at Hamburg will come up for consideration at Geneva. For mercy's sake why? Only the utter misconception of their duty by delegates will prevent it.

Clear Cut.

That Article 171 of the Versailles Treaty forbidding Germany to manufacture poison-gas was relaxed in the interests of industry is entirely unconvincing. Life will only be bearable when every country ceases dabbling in the foul stuff.

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AFTER THE DERBY

If you back a loser at Epsom, find a winner for that "Bullets" £400 on page 35. A few words will suffice!

Justifiable Enquiry.

What the public wants to know is how much more of the damnable stuff is stored up, and what guarantee it has of safety.

In a Mess.

The Duke of York's opinion that general shoddiness is a feature of British town life is ours. True patriotism would soon alter it by insisting that a nation grappling with world order should begin by tidying up at home.

Hitting the Nail.

In calling the North and South-East of London "a wilderness of desolation" the Duke of York touches the spot. And the ugliness of it all is increased by the fact of it being unnecessary. It is brought about by pure human greed.

Roaring Ramp.

From all parts of the country complaints still reach us of the shameless rise in prices endured through the Whitsun holidays. Especially in the matter of fruit barefaced fleecing occurred.

Cat Out of the Bag.

A tradesman who sold one-layer baskets, 6 in. by 4 in., of strawberries at 1s. 4d. was completely given away by another a few doors distant who sold a similar thing at sixpence! And the latter trader admitted he still got a "good profit"!

The Morning After.

But the moment everybody was back at work similar strawberries were obtainable at 4s. 6d. a 4-lb. basket. Is anyone hardy enough still to deny that there is profiteering in fruit?

Rushed Up!

Eggs, butter, bacon and other foods took the same merry route. To tell housewives "They always *do* go up at this time of year, madam" is mere impudence.

Getting On With It.

Frightful consternation having been caused by the discovery that an ingredient of baking-powder chargeable with duty has been "improperly excluded" from the list, it has been added in a panic. So now your cakes will cost you more!

Women Protest.

Entering formal protest because no woman is appointed on the Savidge tribunal, the Women's Freedom League shows itself entirely in the right light. The omission must be rectified.

Rattling Back.

Equally disquieting is the fact of two women charged at Bow Street with soliciting being compelled to submit to medical examination to establish their innocence. This is too serious to overlook.

Fewer Fishes.

A lower yield of fish is reported as British fisheries have been hit by bad weather, but that is no excuse for consumers being smacked in the eye by high prices. Many a heap of fish goes to the destructor rather than that it shall be sold cheap to the poor.

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Better than Lounging.

We like the action of the anonymous donor of a tennis-court situated in the best part of Bath where the unemployed are allowed to play in their working garb. Keeping the body fit for work is a long way towards getting it.

Home Companions.

Glasgow has so-called "homes" where snails, bugs, beetles, toads and fugitive cats share the accommodation with helpless families. The hovels would soon cease to exist if their owners were compelled to live under the same conditions. As it is, prison would be too good for them.

Stop Those Queues!

As much as 9d. an hour in Nottingham is being paid to children to stand in theatre queues for folk who have been unable to book seats. A strain for the normal and a positive danger to the delicate youngster, it is a disgrace that the practice has not already died in the grip of the law.

Poor Bunny!

The finding of the emaciated body of a rabbit led to Oliver Butt, Floyd Road, Charlton, appearing at Woolwich Police Court, where the magistrate, after severe condemnation of letting the poor animal get into such a state, sentenced him to fourteen days' hard labour. It is good to note that Butt did not escape with a fine.

Don't Part!

Sued for fraudulent misrepresentation in the sale of a business, Hainsworth, Bentley and Co., Bradford business transfer agents, have had to pay £55 damages and costs—a warning to people out to buy businesses lightly with hard-earned savings. Only innocents abroad pay without making full investigations.

Death's Helper.

Crowded cities, as the King has said, exact a heavy toll on child life, and in many small towns there are babes in graves because of crowded homes, as at Corwen, where a family of five slept in the same bed until their youngest died. Through the ballot-box the tragic problems of the poor can be solved just when we like.

Birch for a Child.

"Frederick the Highwayman" is the epithet applied to a Northampton lad of ten who has been given six strokes of the birch for repeatedly attacking and robbing children. Unless a sympathetic helper takes him in hand, we are very much afraid of his future, and we dissent entirely from the brutality of the birch for a mere child.

Too-handy Handy.

We are sure that the pals of John Handy, a miner, will agree that he deserved the two months' imprisonment passed upon him at Castle Eden for striking a pit pony in the mouth with the iron end of a pick shaft. Now and again we read of a collier with the nature of a brute, but in a general way they are the kindliest of men. Handy is the exception that proves the rule.

Sickening Hypocrisy.

The Press boast of the royal visit to Brighton, with civic ball and firework display, comes sickeningly hot upon the heels of the death of a mite of three for want of light and air in one of the town's slums. Why do the fifty-seven councillors and nineteen aldermen prate of a new mayoral limousine with coat-of-arms and neglect the common needs of their humblest citizens.

Double Courtship.

"Off with the old before you are on with the new" did not appeal to William Parrett, a Carshalton dustman, who induced a seventeen-year-old nurse to become mother of his child, while he also courted another girl and married her. Declaring the 10s. weekly he is ordered to pay "utterly impossible," how would he describe the struggle of a poor girl to keep her child when its father has deserted her?

Pioneer's Achievement.

Forty years ago, John James Mather landed penniless and inexperienced in Australia. Now he is J.P. for Western Australia, company director, and owner of 20,000 acres of virgin land. How did he do it? By starting with casual labour, and never refusing any work that was offered. We offer this cud for the pernickety choosers of a job to chew!

Robbed Childhood.

Mr. A. Saywell says sound things. Addressing a conference of headmasters, he pointed out how in recent years modern traffic has robbed the town children of their playground, the street, and that high-spirited children, if robbed of room to play, are apt to become young hooligans. Civilisation's first duty is to the child. They must be given room to play and breathe.

The Wrong Place.

"As mad as a March hare" may have been an apt description of John Kinsella, of Waterford, who having torn his own clothes appeared in the Bath Court draped in sacks and charged with a variety of offences, including begging and damaging his cell. But where was the sanity of sending him to a month's imprisonment? The place for a madman is a mental home.

Hold Off Prison.

Justices all over the country are learning the value of the Probation Act for first offenders. Let them now listen to Mr. Cecil Leeson, the Quaker magistrate, who from long experience as a probation officer has found the course equally successful for those who have already been in prison. Until jail leaves no after-taint on a man he must be kept out of it whenever possible.

Fools at Folkestone.

We do not quarrel with the official description of the idiots who threw municipally owned tables and chairs over the railings of a balcony to the bottom of the undercliff, a drop of 200 ft., at Folkestone. "The act of hooligans" was the phrase used, and if it errs at all it is on the side of moderation. Wanton destruction such as this deserves to be punished with the utmost severity.

The Human Machine

Kick, Please!

by E. R. THOMPSON, M.A.

WHEN a man does not get on in the world he is very apt to blame the world. He talks of the lack of opportunity, of the fact that "brains are not wanted nowadays," and so on.

All rubbish! All an attempt to shuffle off the blame from the right shoulders. There are just as many opportunities as ever—in fact, there are more. The world wants brains just as much as ever. More, in fact.

Ask any man you like who employs men. He will tell you that his real difficulty is not to find men to push into better jobs. His trouble is to find men who want to be pushed.

The trouble is not to find men to whom to give responsibility, but to find men who are really willing to take up responsibility and carry it faithfully.

OF course it is much easier to be led than to lead. It is much easier to dodge responsibility than to bear it. But it is not the way to get on.

It is the lazy way of life. And if you are lazy you might as well be dead.

If you are not getting on in the world have a look at yourself before you blame the world. Give yourself a kick and wake yourself up.

You will probably find that you are the person who thoroughly deserved the kicking you just gave yourself.

Fine Lad.

Prompt and plucky was Jack Lees, a fourteen-year-old errand-boy, who found a baby of two drowning in a stream near Lake Windermere. Rescuing the sinking mite, he gave it over to grown-ups and then rode off to deliver his groceries, leaving his name to be discovered by chance. Modesty is the mark of a hero and we like Jack.

Misplaced Mercy.

For working four injured horses, allowing bad roofing, and permitting boys to work in dangerous places, the Wern Y Bryn Colliery Company was fined at Port Talbot £14 and costs, in addition to which the general and under managers had to pay £9 and £8 respectively. We have no hesitation in denouncing the punishment as criminally lenient.

"Mary, Pity Women!"

The most tragic figure in the Gutteridge case is that of Mrs. Browne, who proved herself a pattern wife and mother under conditions most difficult. For the best part of a day she haunted the House of Commons, striving desperately to get Members to do something to save her husband from the gallows. Those appealed to were sympathetic but powerless. Truly hers is the harder fate!

Napoleon in a 'Bus.

Napoleon Florent, a coloured theatrical artiste, will have to drop his Napoleonic ideas. According to evidence at Marylebone Police Court, Napoleon was smoking a cigar in a 'bus and resented the conductor asking him to stop smoking as there were women passengers. A fight followed, and he had to pay 30s. damages and costs to the conductor. Napoleon will do better if he goes nap on meekness in the future.

Well Won.

Congratulations to seventy-one employees of the Kodak Company, who all have been in their posts more than twenty-five years, and to whom Mr. George Eastman has presented gold medals in recognition. Of 21,000 employees in various parts of the world, 1,300 have had more than twenty years' service and 3,000 have had over fifteen years' service with the firm. It speaks well for both sides.

Sick Snobs.

We have little sympathy with the agitation to provide separate waiting-rooms at doctors' surgeries for private and panel patients. An insured patient has as much right to the best as a private one. People who object to rubbing shoulders with the poor should have the physician visit them at their own homes; and we would remind them in passing that there will be no differential treatment beyond the grave.

Bending the Twig.

Women of the National Association of Head Teachers have wisely taken up the cudgels in favour of infant departments, 900 of which, on false grounds of economy, have been closed in the last three years. They realise the importance, too often neglected by parents, of the first seven years of child life in moulding character, and cannot din too loudly in the ears of the Board of Education, "Hands off the infant-schools."

Promise and Performance.

Wounded and taken prisoner at the age of sixteen, A. E. Woodford has kept a copy of the King's letter issued to the captured soldiers. "In the old country you will be able to enjoy once more the happiness of a home," a portion of it reads. By the irony of Fate, he has just been ejected from his home. Those who put that sentence into His Majesty's mouth have betrayed both their Sovereign and his gallant fighting men.

Physicians and Public.

We candidly confess that we consider the action of the General Medical Council amply justified in the case of Dr. Strickland. Though we are prepared to believe that there was no actual misconduct, a medical man who could write such a passionate love-letter as he did to a married woman was guilty of a grave breach of trust. The council would have failed in its duty to the public had they treated the lapse as trivial.

Robbing the Kiddies.

"A pest who continually defies the law and robs the public who provide their children with necessary food" is too true a description of William Lane, of Ilford, who, fined six times for offences under the Milk Order, has wound up with a sentence of a month's hard labour and £25 fine for selling milk diluted with 5 per cent. water. If he is ever allowed to handle milk again, there is something sadly amiss with the law.

The Only Way.

We cordially approve the action of the Stamford magistrates in sending to prison for fourteen days Edith Caroline Lilley and John Maurice Owens. They shut up five cats in an empty room without food or drink for several days and nights, so that the poor beasts when found had to be shot to end their sufferings. Only personal restriction of liberty will touch such cruel people. Fines, as we have long ago proved, are useless.

He Gave All.

Shovelling rubbish into a heap at Rothwell Haigh Colliery, W. Newton was pinned by a sudden fall of roof. Swift to his rescue came James Henry Jakeman, another miner, who himself was killed while getting Newton clear. To run into, not away from, danger is the mark of a brave man. The general manager at the inquest spoke simple truth when he said that the spirit Jakeman displayed is typical of the miners.

Bigotry.

The "Sunny Bank Boarding Establishment," Earlston Road, New Brighton, has not a very sunny outlook on life, judging by the narrow-mindedness of its prospectus. Added to the list of meals, advantages, and terms are the sinister words, "No Roman Catholic need apply." By what law does a man's personal religion become a deciding factor as to whether he should or should not have a bed and breakfast in a boarding-house?

Crocodile Tears.

"Telling the tale with weeping" to sympathetic ladies was the speciality of Margaret Smith, of Stockwell, who secured quite a handsome living by pitching the yarn that "she was up from the country and had had her pocket picked." But she pitched it once too often, and at Westminster was given a year's hard labour, with time to reflect that honesty pays best in the end, however bright the rewards of wickedness may seem at first.

Right Insurance.

If more people insured with friendly societies like the Buffaloes, the teeth of policy-lapsing, shark insurance companies would soon be drawn. How the Ancient Order grew from an office bedroom to a nation-wide organisation of mutual benefit was shown by Mr. J. Cartwright. The Buffaloes support the sick and the orphaned, and, like other great friendly societies, are a self-help community and not merely a dividend-making business concern.

Take More Care!

Arrested in Shaftesbury Avenue and charged at Bow Street with drunkenness, Jean Boucar, an engineer, of Farringdon Buildings, E.C., was able to prove that he was not tipsy, but suffering from severe illness. Discharged, he was sent home in a cab, being unfit to walk, which proves that a genuine mistake was made, but none the less lamentable for all that. Things are not always what they seem, and there have been far too many of these "mistakes" recently.

Bad Taste.

A type-written screed has recently been circulated down Devonshire way, addressed "To men who are not afraid or ashamed to serve their King and Country." It is issued in aid of a recruiting movement for the Territorials. We protest emphatically against this gratuitous insult to those who are working for the total abolition of war. Whoever was responsible has been guilty of a prize piece of bad taste, utterly unworthy of a gentleman.

Not in the Bible.

Carrying a Bible and a volume of Shakespeare, David Wilkie was "on the knocker" in Thames Ditton when a policeman asked him what he wanted. Wilkie uttered words not found in the Bible, poked the constable in the ribs with a stick and butted him with his head. A 5s. fine was imposed, but a more effective check is for householders to shut the door against such humbugs.

The Old, Old Game.

Doorstep salesmen are at present busy in the Devonport area, where circulars bearing the name "H. Winrabe" have been used to tempt housewives. In booking up orders for the bargain goods, the salesmen invariably make a great point of the fact that no cash need be paid until the goods are delivered. But, before they leave, they nearly always effect a cash sale of an odd length of cloth, and the other orders are never fulfilled.

Curious Home-Work Offer.

"We are in a position to enable you to earn an income of from £250 to £1,000 per annum" is the boast made by John McKinna and Son, described as "clothiers and drapers," of 26, Armley Grange View, Stanningley Road, Leeds. But before imparting its secret of wealth, this firm invites applicants to send 12s. 9d. for advertising matter. Unemployed people should insist upon definite particulars before parting with any money.

Mother's Complaint.

A fourteen-year-old girl who resides at Barnet recently purchased a shampoo powder at the door. On opening the packet she found that it also contained a printed circular, the character of which was such that her mother instantly took it from her. On glancing at the circular in question, which is issued by the Radium Manufacturing Company, Ltd., of Bartholomew Close, London, we emphatically uphold the mother's opinion.

Slippery Stallholder.

Henry Simmonds, who has a stall in Roman Road, Bow, obtained goods on credit from an East End provision firm, and then failed to pay. Judgment was obtained against him for a sum of over £8, but it transpired that there was a bill of sale on Simmonds' home effects, and that the stall and its contents were claimed by his wife. Since then Simmonds has given an undertaking to pay £2 a month until the debt is cleared, but all efforts to make him live up to it have failed. He is obviously a stallholder to shun.

Tea Rampers' Waterloo.

We have often exposed the tea touts who boost their wares by offering a cash bonus, at the same time safeguarding themselves by stipulating that the prize will "not be paid in any given time." Readers will, therefore, be interested to learn that one customer has successfully sued the Premier Tea Stores, of Cardiff, for the bonus. In granting judgment in her favour, Judge L. C. Thomas observed that the documents on which the company relied for its defence were so ambiguous as to afford no protection. We hope this will spur others to force the tea touts into court.

An Explanation.

In our issue of November 19, 1927, in an article headed "Blind Boy's Tragic Agony," we stated that the agreed damages and costs in the action referred to could not be obtained from Messrs. Wilkinson and Young owing to their financial state. We take this opportunity of stating that we are satisfied this was not the case, and that these gentlemen were in no way responsible for the non-payment. The agreed sum, moreover, was not by way of damages, but was to be an *ex gratia* payment made with a denial of liability, and we regret having stated that these gentlemen had admitted liability which was not, and is not now, the case.

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50 MORE CHEQUES OF £12

50 more cheques of £12 each are paid this week under "John Bull's Free Insurance Gift." **(See page 2.)**

Problems of Life

One-Sided Love!

by the Rev. R. J. CAMPBELL, D.D.

HUGH WALPOLE makes one of his characters say in his latest book, "Winters-moon," that she did not share the common illusion that if you only do enough for people they will love you; she had found it to be more usually the other way round.

Hugh Walpole

This is a sad avowal to have to make, but it displays a considerable knowledge of human nature. It is seldom the people for whom we spend ourselves most freely who are readiest to respond in kind or even to acknowledge the obligation.

Love is a mysterious thing; it has comparatively little to do with gratitude, but much with the joy of service.

Macchiavelli is commonly accounted a cynic because of the unscrupulous advice he gives on political matters in his famous work, "The Prince"; but in that very book he points out that men commonly love better the people upon whom they confer benefits than the people from whom they receive them.

Nothing is more easily demonstrable, as any ordinary mother will tell you.

A mother's struggles and sacrifices for her children, often painful and prolonged, are seldom appreciated at their full value, much less repaid.

THE comparative indifference of the young to what they owe to their elders has become proverbial and is not confined to any one generation.

We are hearing just now that young people are hotly repudiating the Victorian assumption that they ought to be grateful for being brought into the world, and fed, clothed, and educated until they are able to fend for themselves.

It is said that they refuse to admit any indebtedness, because they themselves have had no choice in the matter and were not consulted beforehand. Parents owe a duty to their offspring and should not be continually insisting upon gratitude for fulfilling it.

This passion for reality, this hatred of sham and humbug, is going to extreme lengths. It is making people harder, more selfish, more indifferent to others' joys and sorrows wherever it is indulged to excess.

Let us not be afraid of love.

THERE is nothing more beautiful in life than the mutual love of a happy family circle where affection and ministry go hand in hand.

The purest love never asks for recognition and reward, but when those who benefit by it are aware of the greatness of their privilege they should at least be willing to say so and to endeavour to repay kindness with kindness.

Such a spirit sweetens life and lightens its burdens. The contrary spirit is the cause of much unhappiness, estrangement, and loneliness of heart.

If you can only love enough you do not grudge the pain it costs, especially if the love be fully reciprocated. But the pain of love unrequited is a pain that kills.

GIGANTIC COMPANY CRASH

£1,000,000 SHOCK FOR SHAREHOLDERS

Amazing City Scandal

WILL the Board of Trade take any action in connection with the gigantic failure of a concern called the Consolidated Assurance Company, Ltd., which recently came to grief with overwhelming liabilities?

We ask this question because a great number of people are involved, whose collective claims run into hundreds of thousands. It is not unnatural, in the circumstances, to find these people demanding some official action.

For, though it is too late to do much for the unhappy creditors, they feel that steps should be taken to avoid any repetition of such a colossal disaster.

The Consolidated Assurance Company, Ltd., was originally formed by a gentleman named Ernest Alfred Colquhoun, who has also been its dominating spirit throughout its career.

Foolhardy step

At the onset, its activities were confined to life and the more general branches of insurance.

For a time, it did reasonably well in these undertakings, and as Mr. Colquhoun and a few friends were the sole shareholders, the profits were shared between them.

Later, however, Mr. Colquhoun and his friends decided to develop the business by launching out into other fields, and shares were issued to the public.

The capital of the company was accordingly increased, by various stages, to £1,000,000, investors putting in their money on the strength of the company's former record, which, as we have already hinted, had been quite satisfactory.

Later, Mr. Colquhoun and his colleagues grew more ambitious. They launched suddenly out into marine insurance, a step which, unfortunately, was soon proved to be foolhardy in the extreme.

They now concentrated most of their energies largely upon this branch, the intricacies of which are so great that only specialised knowledge, coupled with the greatest caution, can build up successful business.

At the time, many financial experts pronounced this move to be an error of judgment, but Mr. Colquhoun and his colleagues apparently thought otherwise.

From bad to worse

Losses on this side of the business started early, and it is significant that the marine accounts were not kept separately for at least two years, so the exact position was not readily apparent.

At the same time, further groups of shares were issued to the public in order to provide additional working capital.

But things went from bad to worse, and as the weeks passed into months thousands of pounds of investors' money was being swallowed up in foolhardy marine ventures.

It is interesting to note that the Consolidated Assurance Company, Ltd., now entered into agreement with several other insurance concerns, in some of which Mr. Colquhoun was himself interested, both financially and as a director.

One was the Profits and Income Insurance Company, Ltd., which was

Mr. H. E. Burgess, who as Senior Official Receiver, investigated the failure of the Consolidated Assurance Company, Ltd.

to help the Consolidated Assurance Company, Ltd., by relieving it of no less than 30 per cent. of its marine risks.

That the latter company was in need of such assistance may be gauged from the fact that it had accepted risks which were considerably in excess of its financial resources.

More losers

Actually, however, the Profits and Income Insurance Company, Ltd., finally went into compulsory liquidation, owing the Consolidated Company amounts which totalled something like £184,000!

Then let us look at the National Insurance and Guarantee Corporation, Ltd., which also reinsured a portion of its business.

But this, too, proved disastrous, for the National Insurance and Guarantee Company, Ltd., was also compulsorily wound up, with a loss to the Consolidated Company of nearly £46,000!

Amongst several other ventures, we may mention the London Caledonian Re-Insurance Company, Ltd., which likewise "reinsured" a portion of the Consolidated Company's business.

This was the subject of a voluntary liquidation, and once again the Consolidated Company suffered to the extent of £51,800!

Apart from the fact that Mr. Colquhoun, chairman of the Consolidated Assurance Company, Ltd., was also closely associated with the above concerns, it is also a fact that the general manager of the Consolidated Company was at the same time managing the London Caledonian concern.

It is an astounding fact that, while these ventures were plunging to disaster, this dual manager, Mr. H. E. Lane, was being handsomely rewarded for his services.

Not only was he receiving nearly £12,500 a year from the Consolidated Company, but also large sums from associated concerns.

Reckless generosity

In fact, during the five years when the company was suffering huge losses, the total sum paid to Mr. Lane or on his behalf by the Consolidated Company amounted to £68,868, and, just before the crash came, he retired on a pension of £2,000 a year.

Such generosity, coupled with such recklessness, could, of course, lead to nothing but disaster, yet, even when they were faced with ever-increasing losses, the directors plunged on.

By 1924, the company had utilised all its resources, except its uncalled capital and reserve fund.

Finally, Mr. Colquhoun, at a meeting of the now disillusioned shareholders, made one of the most depressing statements ever known in financial circles.

After admitting the dismal position of affairs, he had the temerity to suggest that further capital should be sought for.

But wisdom prevailed amongst certain shareholders, and a committee was formed which eventually applied for the liquidation of the concern.

We are now in a position to make further remarkable disclosures. In the first place, months had to elapse before any reliable information could be obtained as to the true position of the company's affairs, as all the books were in arrears.

Poor old public!

Creditors have lost more than £250,000, while shareholders have lost every penny, a matter of more than £750,000. In all, the total deficiency revealed to date is £1,000,564.

Amongst other illuminating revelations, it may be pointed out that Mr. Colquhoun—knowing the true position—disposed of whole blocks of his own partly-paid-up shares presumably to the unsuspecting public through nominees.

In all, some 44,175 shares, either held or controlled by him, were disposed of at this crucial time.

This latter fact alone is sufficient to warrant enquiry on the part of the Board of Trade, and taken in conjunction with the other disclosures, leaves no doubt as to the desirability of introducing legislation that will make a repetition of such tactics impossible.

The Price of Loyalty

A Tragic Technicality

MR. LAURENCE KELLY, of Clapham, who will be seventy in August, is living with his wife in sadly reduced circumstances.

He attributes his present plight to his loyalty for this country! His story certainly makes very poignant reading.

Kelly first enlisted in the British Army in 1881, and in due course proceeded overseas with his regiment. After seeing service in Burma was discharged with the rank of colour-sergeant, and a pension of 2s. 6d. a day. His character was given as exemplary.

On his discharge from his regiment, Kelly, who had saved a little money, decided that he would like to settle down.

He accordingly took his wife to Ireland, and bought a little home at Clondalkin, Dublin, hoping to spend the remainder of his days in peace.

Sad homecoming

There they lived happily until 1914, when, in response to Lord Kitchener's appeal for old N.C.O.s to train recruits, Kelly felt it his duty to join up again.

He was then fifty-six years of age, but he was keen to serve his country again to the best of his ability.

He proved himself a useful old soldier and actually saw service in Burma with a garrison battalion until the close of 1919.

Kelly's homecoming and ultimate discharge from the Army were fraught with sadness, for his son had been killed in France.

Then, to add to his troubles, he was visited by Republican gunmen, who accused him of being a Loyalist.

Despite the many threats, Kelly stuck staunchly to his guns for a time. He was proud of his loyalty and saw no reason to be ashamed of his splendid record.

But as the danger became more obvious he decided that it was incumbent upon him to remove his aged wife to England for their personal safety.

The old couple consequently abandoned their little home and crossed to England, where Kelly placed his petition before the Southern Ireland Loyalist Relief Association for consideration.

Helping hand denied

His claim totalled £1,382 8s., but the association could not help him on the technical grounds that his claim did not fall within the "scope of the terms of reference."

It appeared that his losses occurred in 1920, just prior to the date when applications for compensation could be officially considered.

It is a tragic thing that one who has served Great Britain so well throughout his life should be denied a helping hand in his declining years, especially when his loyalty has cost him his home.

FORGED TREASURY NOTES: Astounding Story

BOGUS DETECTIVE'S IMPUDENT FRAUD

The Man With Magnet Fingers

THE fact that there has lately been an epidemic of bogus Treasury notes and banknotes has enabled a very versatile swindler to evolve a novel form of fraud.

He operates over a very wide area, changing his name in almost every coup, and his methods are best illustrated by the experience of a widow, who keeps a provision shop in Liverpool.

This lady was somewhat awed the other day when her shop was visited by a man in a smart "Raglan" raincoat and double-breasted blue serge suit, who introduced himself as Inspector Thomas Pickford, of the local Criminal Investigation Department.

In gruff, official tones he told the shopkeeper that his men were at present engaged upon a very serious investigation.

He said that she had probably seen recent Press announcements to the effect that a very large number of spurious Treasury notes had been in circulation for some weeks past.

Authorities amazed

The lady agreed that such was the case, and her visitor went on to say that the quality of the notes had amazed the authorities, and the matter had now developed to such a stage that even bogus postal orders were finding their way into circulation in the district.

The inspector then confided that he had a woman in custody at the moment who was undoubtedly a member of the gang responsible for the forgeries.

The woman, it seemed, had admitted, in the course of a long statement, that she had succeeded in passing a lot of these spurious orders locally.

"The last instance was yesterday," declared the inspector, "when she induced you to accept one in this shop in payment for certain goods."

He therefore expressed a desire to inspect all the cash she had in hand at the moment, and, being well aware that there had been more than one reference to the matter in the Press, the widow readily brought forth the contents of her till in the interests of justice.

Well-told story

The result was truly surprising. Not only did the inspector pronounce certain postal orders to be blatant forgeries, but he actually expressed doubts concerning some of the Treasury notes.

He would not, however, do anything further on his own responsibility. It was a matter for headquarters, and he would have to let his "chief" examine the contents of the till.

The shopkeeper need not worry herself about it; he would look in again and let her know the result.

As the inspector did not "look in" again, the widow went to the police station to ascertain the position.

Imagine her consternation when the Chief Constable, whom she ultimately interviewed, informed her that Pickford was not an inspector at all, but a rogue who had succeeded in perpetrating similar frauds all over the country.

Her only consolation was that the amount in her till at the time of Pickford's intrusion was so far the smallest he had been known to acquire.

At Leeds, for example, we find that he elected to pass as Sergeant Alfred Carter, C.I.D., and, visiting an hotel, told a story to the effect that his men had someone in custody on a charge of uttering spurious currency notes.

So important was this arrest, he continued, that the Chief Constable of Leeds had informed Scotland Yard direct, and the man was believed to be identical with one of the most expert forgers of recent years, who has been much sought for over a long period, but who had so far succeeded in evading capture.

The hotel proprietor was much impressed, particularly when he learnt that Sergeant Carter, C.I.D., was a police expert on forgery, whose services had been lent temporarily to the local police force for the purposes of this enquiry.

Carter explained that he had the authority of the Chief Constable to inspect the till and to take away any notes that might help in bringing the offender to justice.

His story was so well told that no suspicion was aroused, and after carrying out his inspection, he was permitted to take away over £35.

Wily trickster

All the hotel proprietor has to console himself with is a receipt signed "Alfred Carter, C.I.D."

In another case he called upon a *corsetière* in Manchester and, by recounting a similar story, brought off another successful coup.

It so happened on this occasion that the victim had actually complained of receiving bad Treasury notes, and was more or less expecting a visit from the police.

Mr. Mead, the Metropolitan magistrate, who has constantly deplored the fact that the maximum penalty for posing as a police officer is only £10

Posing as "Detective Carter," and stating that he had come from the Town Hall (where the Manchester police had their headquarters), he inspected the till as before and took away over £21.

So many complaints have been lodged against him in connection with offences of this nature that traders everywhere should be on the alert lest they should be favoured with a visit from this man.

Who is he? He is a dangerous ex-convict named Fisher, who, working under a variety of aliases, has been to jail both for obtaining money by false pretences and for receiving stolen goods.

It is to be hoped, therefore, that this exposure will serve the double purpose of putting other shopkeepers on their guard against this singularly wily trickster and of leading to his speedy apprehension.

A ROYAL TOURNAMENT TRAGEDY

THE BROKEN ACROBAT

THE Royal Tournament at Olympia is an annual London function of unflagging interest, and every year many thousands of visitors are thrilled by the spectacular feats of skill performed by representatives of every branch of His Majesty's Service.

It is such a brave, inspiring display that no one would dream of associating anything niggardly or tragic with it; yet the experience of James Edwin Farley, who took part in last season's tournament, has been bitter indeed.

Farley enlisted in the Royal Navy as a "boy," in May, 1920, when he was fifteen years of age. After two years' service he became an ordinary seaman, and in July, 1923, he qualified as an A.B.

Anxious to serve

Young Farley loved the life and he was proud of the Service and keen to acquit himself well in every particular. So, in 1927, when he was stationed at Portsmouth, he sought the distinction of taking part in the Naval display in the Royal Tournament at Olympia.

Farley, with others, had to pass a very rigorous physical examination, both on volunteering his services and on completing rehearsals before the Tournament actually commenced.

Sad sequel

Farley was one of the exponents of a particularly daring gymnastic feat known as the "swallow dive." He had to climb a 16-ft. rope, hang face downwards by his legs and slide rapidly downwards, checking himself just before touching the ground.

All went well until the performance of May 19, when Farley misjudged the distance, crashed to the ground and sustained a slight concussion.

He attended the sick-bay for a week, and then, as he felt better, he again volunteered his services as the team was by that time somewhat depleted by casualties.

When the Royal Tournament came to an end Farley returned to Portsmouth with the Naval contingent, where all members of the team were granted "Olympia leave."

While on leave with his wife he was taken suddenly ill with pains in the head and body.

He returned to Portsmouth, reported sick, and was sent to the Hasler Hospital, where he remained under treatment until he was examined by a medical board and invalided from the Navy in April.

Lame excuse

It was hard to have to relinquish the calling of his choice in this fashion, and Farley's outlook was not rendered any brighter on being granted only £10 "in full compensation in respect of service and disability."

When he took up the matter with the Admiralty he was informed that the disability from which he is now suffering is a form of neurasthenia, which, according to the Naval authorities, was "constitutional."

This is difficult to reconcile with the fact that he was accepted for service in the first place and that he successfully passed the doctor on two occasions just prior to taking part in that most exacting physical display at Olympia.

Niggardly action

If his disability was not sufficiently in evidence to be regarded as a handicap then, why has it been deemed a warrantable excuse for his discharge now?

It is surely not unreasonable to suppose that Farley's neurasthenic tendancies have been aggravated by that fall at Olympia, and if there is any element of doubt about it, we think Farley merits a decision in his favour.

The matter is all the more regrettable when one considers that Farley was actually taking part in a display in aid of Service charities when he met with his mishap, for there is nothing very charitable about a £10 grant!

ANOTHER SWEEP RAMP

IMPOSTOR'S DERBY DRAW

An Imperial-Minded Tout

THE enormous interest taken in some big sweepstakes has inspired others to try their hand. The methods employed are far from honest. Below some of them are exposed

CERTAIN investigations which we have just carried out enable us to shed considerable light upon a widespread campaign to interest people in all parts of the world in a colossal Derby draw.

Circular letters have been sent out broadcast from an office in 111, Blatchington Road, Hove, Sussex, which is described as the "seaside branch" of the Old Colony Club, an international organisation of business men, with clubs and correspondents throughout the world.

Only one name—that of Ronald Blackmore, the sports secretary—appears upon these circulars, and the uninitiated might be inclined to believe that he must be an influential member of a well-known club.

Tempting circulars

Such, however, is not the case, for enquiry at the headquarters of the Old Colony Club, in Leadenhall Street, London, reveals the fact that nothing is known there of Mr. Blackmore's Derby draw, nor, indeed, is there any seaside branch at Hove.

Within an hour of being informed that a sweepstake was being conducted on the lines cited above, the Old Colony Club (Leadenhall), Ltd., took steps to warn branches in all parts of the world against subscribing to it.

This is not the first time that the name of the Old Colony Club has been used.

Two ticket-sellers were fined in connection with a Cesarewitch draw, and Mr. H. A. Muskett, who prosecuted, emphasised the fact that there was no association with the Old Colony Club (Leadenhall), Ltd.

But we fear that a number of people will already have been attracted by the latest circulars. We know of at least one New Zealand gentleman who has actually purchased two books of tickets at a cost of £21.

For Blackmore's circulars are certainly tempting. It is estimated, for instance, that the prize-money to be distributed will reach £25,000.

The first prize is given as £10,000, plus a bonus of £2,000 to the funds of the club from which the winning ticket is issued.

The second and third prizes are £5,000 and £2,500 respectively, together with substantial grants to the club funds, while the holder of each runner is offered £250. The tickets are 10s. each and are obtainable in books of twenty-five at £10 10s.

Decorated door

Apart from the unofficial use of the name of the Old Colony Club, there are other aspects of this offer that are of interest. We are in a position to state, for example, that Ronald Blackmore has not long been established at Hove in his "sports secretary" capacity.

A little while back he rented a small outbuilding in the grounds of a house in St. Margaret's Road, St. Margarets-on-Thames. In due course he decorated the door of this little outbuilding with a brass plate, pronouncing it to be the "Sports Branch" of the Old Colony Club.

Blackmore furnished this outhouse with a cheap table and chair; a typewriter was then installed and a young lady typist engaged. Blackmore's "sport" for this occasion was a Grand National sweepstake!

Circular letters inviting subscriptions were immediately despatched to addresses in England, on the Continent and even in America.

Mr. H. A. Muskett, who prosecuted

As in the case of the present Derby draw, tickets were offered at 10s. each, and the prize-money was also attractive.

It is significant that after his initial appearance at the little outbuilding, Blackmore was seldom seen there. A messenger called for letters every morning, and the mail-bag contained many registered letters.

Unsporting sportsman

The young typist worked conscientiously and carried out her duties in the belief that everything was above board. But when frequent enquiries were made she began to entertain some doubts.

When the typist tried to get into touch with her employer she found that the address he had given her as his was a false one, while his telephone number was described by an exchange operator as "not now obtainable."

This is not surprising when we reveal the fact that both the address and the telephone number referred to a company that failed in 1926!

In his former sweepstake, Blackmore's activities also came to the notice of the Old Colony Club officials, who, in addition to issuing a warning to their branches, also complained to the police.

Whether Blackmore got wind of this or not we cannot say, but it is significant that he disappeared from the ken of his lady typist a week before the Grand National took place and was never known to return to his little outbuilding again!

This, then, is the man who is conducting the £25,000 Derby sweepstake from Hove.

As a "sports secretary" he can hardly claim to be very sporting, for in departing so unceremoniously from St. Margarets he omitted to stamp his typist's insurance cards for the several weeks he had employed her.

AN OBNOXIOUS BOOK

POISONED SYRUP FOR SWEET SIXTEEN

The Canoodle College

BOOKS offering devices to women claimed to make them attractive to men are dangerous. When they are sent to young girls a watchful eye must be kept on them

OUR attention has been drawn to advertisements and circulars from "The Psychology Press," of Chandos House, Buckingham Gate, S.W. The sole proprietor of this business is a Mr. G. Kingsley.

The advertisements, which appear in journals mainly for women and girls, offer particulars of a course of study entitled "Fascinating Womanhood, or The Art of Attracting Men."

For 25s. the prospective "vamp" is given eight booklets. Recently these were sent to a young girl of seventeen.

Mr. Kingsley tells prospective purchasers of his course, in a brochure entitled "Secrets of Fascinating Womanhood," that "winning men is not a mere matter of chance or luck." He offers to disclose how any woman may develop her latent power to fascinate men.

Amazing device

In one part of the course, fourteen of the most effective stratagems by which women fascinate men are said to be described in detail, "so that you can practise them upon the different men you meet."

Any girl who is mistress of them can just about do with men as she pleases. They have nothing to do with dress or appearance.

Another part is described as showing how a girl may intensify a man's feeling towards her until "his arms ache to fold her in them for ever."

"No one need know that you are buying the 'Fascinating Womanhood' books. They have been specially designed for confidential reading" is among the concluding sentences in this amazing booklet.

Referring to the course itself, we find described fourteen devices for fascinating men.

In the first "exercise," the student is instructed to stand before a mirror in the privacy of her room, and say to herself, "I am just a helpless woman at the mercy of you big strong men."

She is then urged to behave like a certain widow described by Sir Roger de Coverley.

Adventurous stroll

In another "stratagem," she is advised to stand again before the mirror, stamp her foot and shake her curls as much as to say, "I am furious, but what can a little girl like me do with a big strong man like you?"

The eleventh device is to put your arm lightly on a man's coat sleeve when talking to him; then, when you see he has noticed it, to draw your hand away with an air of confusion and self-conscious modesty.

Under the heading, "A Stroll Through the Park," it is suggested that a girl may induce a man to pay active attention to her by getting away from the main highway and the smooth sidewalk and adventuring into the rougher parts of the park, climbing in and out of gullies, and so on, pretending she is unable to help herself so that her escort may have the pleasure of demonstrating his strength and agility!

Exaggerated claim

Other chapters in this course purport to show how to undermine a man's reserve, inspire proposals and remove obstacles to marriage.

It perhaps will not come as a surprise to our readers to know that this course of instruction "in the art of attracting men" hails from Columbia. It was published by the Psychology Press, University City, Saint Louis, in 1922.

Mr. Kingsley says, in one of his letters, that there are 300,000 readers of this course. He also says that it contains *hundreds of plans of action* for women to follow in order to attract men.

This latter statement is an exaggeration, and we hope that his estimate of the number of courses sold is equally over-stated.

To mature minds many of the statements made in the course are laughable, but the teaching it contains when offered to young girls is pernicious.

We cannot imagine that any father, for instance, would care to see his daughter emulating the character of Becky Sharp in Thackeray's "Vanity Fair," yet that is what the girl who reads this book is urged to do.

Deliberate deception

The entire course contains about 500 pages, which at the reduced price of 22s. 6d. must show a very handsome profit.

We cannot commend the methods by which Mr. Kingsley endeavours to induce young girls to buy this book.

In his letter he says: "There is a different plan for winning each of a hundred and one types of men. Think of the power, the ability, to fascinate whomsoever you choose. . . . We only wish you could try one after another of its suggestions—one to-day—another to-morrow—a different one for every man you meet."

These are obviously improper suggestions to make to young girls. The book itself reeks with suggestions that a girl shall deliberately practise deception on all around her and in order to attract men to stoop to artifices of which any healthy-minded girl would be ashamed.

We sincerely hope that this exposure of such highly undesirable American literature may serve as a warning to our readers to protect their daughters from it.

RICH INDIAN'S AMAZING FRAUDS

SINGH'S SONGS OF INNOCENCE

A Coloured Crook Denounced

FOR a long time past, the Foreign Office, the India Office, Scotland Yard, several well-known Universities and private individuals in all parts of the country have been greatly troubled by the persistent activities of a young rascal of colour, who has many names, and whose portrait adorns this page.

He is only twenty-one, being born in the Punjab in 1907, when he was christened with the name of Piara Singh Plaha.

Some months ago he called upon a well-to-do Indian merchant, and, producing certain documents which appeared to bear out his story, stated that he was a student at Jesus College, Oxford.

In great distress, he explained that he had just motored to London from Oxford University, and, on the way, had had the terrible misfortune to knock down a cyclist.

Plausible tales

Anxious to avoid publicity and legal complications, he had given the victim all his available cash, and this act had rendered him temporarily short of funds.

Unfortunately, his allowance from his Ambala estates was not due for several days, and he was at a loss to know what to do till then. The story was accepted without suspicion and the merchant agreed to lend Piara Singh Plaha a substantial sum.

The youth departed with many expressions of gratitude, but he was never heard of again.

Enquiries that were subsequently made at Jesus College, revealed the fact that he was not a student there at all, although his operations had been the subject of complaints which had come in from all quarters.

On another occasion, in the adopted name of Amur Nath, this youthful coloured crook met a rich Indian, as he was alighting from a train at Paddington.

Missing wallet

He said that he was studying aeronautics at the Royal Air Force College at Andover, and, as a fellow-countryman, asked for the other's kind indulgence.

He had, he explained, been very foolish. On temporary leave to London, he had met a young woman who greatly attracted him.

Being very lonely and new to London, he had readily fallen in with the woman's request that he should take her to dinner and a theatre. But after they had parted, he found that his wallet was mysteriously missing.

Once again he told of an allowance that would not reach him for a day or two, and aroused the sympathy of his listener, who advanced him certain moneys, which, needless to say, were never repaid.

Many similar cases are before us, and in one instance this eloquent student called upon a gentleman in the West End of London, who is interested in Indian matters.

Posing as a student at the Royal Academy, Woolwich, he recounted an ingenious story that had the desired effect of causing the gentleman to grant him a loan.

In yet another instance, he turned up at Sheffield, posing this time as an officer in the Indian Army, and giving his name as Permgit Singh.

He stated that his car had broken down, and ultimately succeeded in obtaining money for the ostensible purpose of paying his hotel bill and his fare back to Chatham.

Piara Singh Plaha frequents the best hotels, and has often victimised fellow-guests.

Recently, at a famous Strand hotel, he entered into conversation with a wealthy guest and succeeded in interesting him by his knowledge of Indian affairs.

For this occasion, he spoke of his father as a titled man, occupying a very high post in India. He further confided that he had just been sent to England to take up his studies at Queen's College, Oxford.

The pair adjourned to lunch, at which Piara Singh Plaha mentioned casually that he had a car and would like to call at the hotel next day to take his new found friend for a drive.

Next day he telephoned to say that he had met with an accident, having knocked down a man whom he would have to compensate. The car was damaged, too, so the excursion would have to be postponed for two days.

Living by his wits

On the intervening day, however, Plaha himself called at the hotel, and, being known as a friend of the other, was allowed to go straight up to his room.

He had timed his visit well, for the other was in his bathroom, and Plaha took advantage of this opportunity by stealing all the cash and jewellery on which he could lay his hands.

In this coup, he gave an address in Southmoor Road, Oxford, but enquiries, of course, proved that the address was false, and that he was not a student at Queen's College.

Piara Singh Plaha

He has passed variously as Pauran Singh Plaha, Permgit Singh, Singh Mahomed, Fermjip Singh Pauren and Singh Plasa.

Why is he permitted to stay here? He has a wealthy mother in India, but neither the Foreign Office nor the India Office has yet brought pressure to bear upon him.

It is true that he came here as a student, but the necessary application is irksome to him, and he prefers to live by his wits.

As the official purpose of his presence here is clearly futile, it is surely the duty of the authorities to send him back to his home, where he would be under good care.

Such a step would not only save further people in this country from being victimised, but might even save this young Indian from developing into a confirmed criminal.

Keep Your Money!

The Professor at His Best

"WOULD you forfeit or sacrifice your own life for five shillings?" The questioner is Professor C. Van de Zaar, of Haarlem, Holland, an enterprising charlatan who has previously figured in JOHN BULL.

According to the professor, 1928 will be a tough time for all who forget to send him five shillings.

In return for this amount, however, each sender will receive "some special advise (*sic*) as to the very dangerous pitfalls that lay ahead of you and are hovering over you "(!).

Like a father!

If there should be any pitfalls overhead it may be worth five shillings to know in good time.

"Thousands of people are throwing their lives on the refuge heap each year" he continues—meaning "refuse" heap, about which he should know something.

Then with the flattering assurance that his "dear client" is a wise person, he goes on to advise the immediate despatch of 5s. for "the most unique and greatest astrological reading in the world."

The professor's translation of Dutch into English falls short of planting an atom of confidence in the most child-like mind.

Loosing the devil

Any normal person would find it merely amusing to read Van de Zaar when he lets himself go in this style: "Like a father when he sees his own child in danger, I hasten, I hurry up to forewarn you."

We think we can grant this astrological fakir pride of place for his unique form of appeal, particularly as he assures us that in 1928 "the Devil himself will be let loose, not the Ordinary Devil that we speak of every day, but that Big Black Devil who will be out to do all the mischievous harm, slander and give you that bad indifferent luck which results in failure, illness, death and downfall."

This letting loose of the Big Black Devil may only mean that the professor contemplates a holiday.

We hope it keeps fine for him.

Rogue Gets His Deserts

A Stray Penned

IN our issue of March 31, we described the pitiful plight of Mrs. Asplett, a Liverpool widow, who married a man calling himself Richard Charles Mulvaney.

Mrs. Asplett discovered that Mulvaney's real name was Robert Stray, that he had married before and had served several terms of imprisonment.

Within a few hours of the publication of Mrs. Asplett's story, several readers telephoned to inform us that Stray's first wife was still alive and that he was living with her again.

The sequel appeared at Clerkenwell Police Court on April 24, where Stray was charged with bigamy and was committed for trial.

Terrible story

At the Old Bailey, three weeks later, both Mrs. Stray and Mrs. Asplett gave evidence of this man's brutal treatment of them.

Mrs. Stray's own story is the more terrible of the two. She has had four children, three boys and a girl. Her husband was in prison when her first child was born, and the youngest child, the girl, was born and died in the workhouse.

For some years past, Mrs. Stray has struggled to earn a living. In 1923, her husband wrote to her to send him 26s. so that he could return home to her. She borrowed £1 and pawned her bedclothes to raise the rest of the money.

Bla k record

Stray received the money, but did not return home. She heard no more of him till a year or two later when he wrote to ask her for money again, and it was not until last Christmas that he returned to her.

Stray is now undergoing his thirteenth term of imprisonment, having received a sentence of eleven months' hard labour.

Mrs. Asplett is fortunately freed from him, for he is a rogue of unusual versatility.

Among offences for which he has already been punished are desertion from the Army, wife desertion, impersonation of the police, larceny, shopbreaking, forgery and blackmail.

Malnutrition —a Scourge of Modern Life.

Why some people cannot put on flesh—Good news for all who are thin, "scraggy," weak and under weight.

THOUSANDS of men and women are suffering in health and looks; thousands of little children imperilling their future from one common cause, malnutrition. Their systems cannot extract the benefits from the food they eat.

Nine times out of ten this is the source of those skinny legs and arms, those salt-cellars in neck and chest, those gaunt lines and hollows which ruin the looks of so many. Always the sufferers from malnutrition are low spirited, easily tired, ready victims to disease.

Why, then, do they neglect the root cause of their trouble? Simply because hitherto possible cures have all been messy, oily, nauseating compounds, such as a delicate stomach was bound to reject.

Now there is a simple, pleasant, proven end to all their ailments. Science has found the way to combine in handy sugar-coated tablets—which anyone can take without unpleasant taste, smell or after effect—just the elements which individually have been so nasty.

These tablets have already stood the brunt of medical research, they come triumphant from the ultimate test of public trial—and your neighbours' experience is proof of what you can do yourself. They have tried many imitations and so-called substitutes but you can be quite safe, for now they are sold by every chemist under the simple, easily remembered name of

McCoy's Tablets

Now those bony limbs can be clothed with firm flesh. Now the salt-cellars can vanish, the bloom of health be restored to sunken cheeks and vigour and vitality take the place of tiredness and depression. If you are thin or underweight ask any chemist for a box of McCoy's Tablets. There's no "perhaps" about McCoy's. So certain are they to do you good that if you don't put on at least 3 lbs. of firm, solid flesh with one month's treatment as prescribed, the makers will refund all you paid. Could anything be fairer? Could you have a better guarantee of all that is claimed for them?

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"The following personal experience of your tablets constitutes such a remarkable testimonial that I am writing to tell you the facts. Without any alteration of diet or occupation, after taking two boxes only, I found I had gained 10 lbs. in weight. Furthermore, whereas I have previously been subject to frequent colds, since taking your tablets I have been entirely free from them."

Mrs. F. W. Gains 7¼ lbs. in One Month.

Mrs. F. W., of London, W., writes:—

"As a result of taking McCoy's Tablets for one month, I have gained 7¼ lbs. Everybody I know has remarked on my improvement in health, and that my face and neck (which were very thin) are filling out fast. I am extremely gratified at the result as I had almost given up hope of ever putting on weight. My doctor has also remarked on the difference your tablets have made to me. I shall certainly recommend them to all my friends."

Schoolmaster's Scientific Test—"Cured Chronic Colitis."

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"I tried your tablets on the poorest nourished of our children; 4 tablets per day, 5 days per week. At the end of 5 weeks I find that the average gain in weight of the five children is 1 lb. 9 ozs., which I consider very satisfactory, as they have not much nourishing diet to supplement the treatment. In my own case, I have been taking the tablets for some months and have found that they have improved my appetite, regulated my digestive system, and almost entirely cured chronic colitis of 7 years' standing (a relic of war service in the East). My weight is greater than it has been for 14 years and I am feeling much better in health."

Everyone says "How Well I'm Looking."

Miss P. W., Darlington:—

"I was looking terribly pale until I started taking your tablets and now, no matter who sees me, they pass the remark, how well I'm looking. I have gained 8 lbs. in four weeks and am never without them."

Sickly Child Gets Wonderful Result.

Mrs. F. G. T., Benfleet:—

"I feel that a letter of thankfulness should be addressed to you expressing the great value I have found in your tablets. I have a daughter aged eight, and ever since birth she has been a poor, thin, sickly looking kid, always under a doctor, never eats more than one slice of bread a meal till I let her try your tablets. She is just finishing the first box and with a wonderful result—good night's sleep, splendid meals and full of life. In fact, it's a hard job to get her away from the meal table."

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Mr. S. J., Barrowford:—

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Mr. J. W. H., Manchester:—

"I really must tell you how glad I am that I have started to take your tablets. During the last six weeks I have increased my weight by 7 lbs. and feel 100 per cent. better."

"Very Run-Down—Now a Different Person."

Miss R. D., Forest Gate:—

"I'm writing to let you know what a deal of good McCoy's Tablets have done for me. I was very run-down and felt I should have to give up work, when I was told to try your Tablets. I did so, and as a result have put on 6 lbs. and I feel an entirely different person. I shall recommend them to any one I know."

At Last the Right Thing for Weak Little Girl.

Mrs. T., of Ashton-under-Lyne, writes:—

"It gives me great pleasure to tell you of the wonderful benefit my little girl has derived from your Tablets. She was a very weak child. I tried different kinds of pick-me-ups but at last I have got the right thing. She is gaining weight, thanks to your tablets which I shall continue to use. I shall recommend them to all my friends."

Little Girl of Six Escapes Severe Bronchitis.

Mrs. M. M., of Ashton-under-Lyne, writes:—

"I should very much like to thank you for the wonderful benefit my little girl of 6 years 11 months has received from your tablets. This last winter is the first she has got through without a severe attack of Bronchitis. She is now putting on firm, healthy flesh and looks better and stronger than she has ever done as she has always been a delicate child. I have recommended your tablets to a great many of my friends who all have the same opinion about them, and would not be without them."

After Operation—Results are Amazing.

Mrs. F., Brighton, writes:—

"In the interests of the large number of sufferers from Anæmia and general lassitude, I must tell you of the wonderful results I have obtained by the use of McCoy's Tablets. Having had an operation which left me in a very weak state, I have tried numerous patent foods, etc., which did not produce any good results. Three weeks ago I purchased a box of your Tablets, and the results are amazing. Within two weeks I have put on nearly 3 lbs., and the depressed feeling one gets during convalescence has entirely disappeared.

"I am now going to give my little girl, aged 4, a course of the tablets with, I trust, as good result as my own.

"You may use this letter in any way you wish, as, although I am always dubious of taking Patent Medicines, etc., I am really grateful to your good selves for the good health I am now beginning to enjoy."

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"AN eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth" may be good Mosaic law, but it is precious poor Christianity. Can society much longer afford to wallow in sensational barbarism?

The Tiger's Verdict

by **Lieut.-Comdr. the Hon. J. M. KENWORTHY, M.P.**

THE whole case for the retention of the executioner rests on the argument that hanging is a deterrent. It is the general belief that the fear of the scaffold keeps people from killing who otherwise would commit murder, and that if the death penalty were abolished life would be less safe than it is to-day.

I am afraid that the people who argue in this way have not troubled to examine what has happened and is happening in other countries.

We don't *know* what the result of the abolition of the death penalty in Britain would be, but we do know what the result has been in other countries, and we also know that the British are not more given to murder than are other peoples.

Capital punishment has been abolished in Austria, Esthonia, Belgium, Holland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Portugal, Roumania, Sweden, Finland, and in ten States of America.

Striking figures

In Germany there is a strong movement afoot for the abolition of the death penalty. In the State of Hesse there has been no execution since 1919, and as a result of the impression created by the execution of Sacco and Vanzetti, the Hessian Diet has abolished the death penalty altogether.

The case of Italy is particularly striking, and I offer it for the consideration of the many who believe that the abolition of the death penalty means more murders.

The death penalty in Italy was abolished in 1889, and since that date there has been—not an increase—but a steady *decrease* in the number of murders committed per year. The latest available figures show the rate to be 4.86 murders per 100,000 of population, as against 9.23 per 100,000 before the abolition of the death penalty.

In Roumania, which possesses a backward and illiterate population, capital punishment was abolished in 1864, when the percentage of murders was 5.6 per 100,000 inhabitants. To-day it is 2.5.

In Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Belgium there has been a steady decrease in crimes of violence; and figures from America, comparing Eastern States with Eastern States and Western with Western, show that, on the whole, murders are fewest in the States which have abolished capital punishment.

Thus, in the State of Maine, which has abolished capital punishment, there is the lowest murder rate in the country—1.5 per 100,000. New Hampshire's ratio *with* the death penalty is a trifle higher.

Fallacious argument

Rhode Island, with no capital punishment, averages 3.3, against the 3.9 of Connecticut with the death penalty. The general average for the whole Union shows that there is little difference in the prevalence of the scarcity of murders, whether punishment is death or life imprisonment.

What becomes, then, of the argument that the fear of the rope deters from murder, and that the removal of the fear would mean an increase in the crime?

I don't think that there ever was anything in it. For one thing, it seldom occurs to a real criminal that he will be found out, while all experience shows that the people who commit murder under the influence of passion will murder whatever the punishment.

In fact, a man or a woman who commits a crime while under the influence of sexual passion would probably prefer to "swing for it" rather than serve a life sentence.

Whenever reforms are advocated in the punishment of offenders, the cry is always raised that the number of offenders will thereby increase.

When humane people wanted to abolish flogging in the Army, old-fashioned disciplinarians vowed that discipline would be ruined and that the Service would go to the dogs. Flogging was abolished and everyone knows that Army and Navy discipline is better to-day than before its abolition.

Hypocritical profession

The Bill I have introduced in the House of Commons does not propose to abolish the death penalty from naval and military laws, but I must point out that there was no death sentence in the Australian Army during the war and no one would venture to suggest that the Australian soldiers were not as gallant under fire as the men of any other nation.

Surely it is time that the State went in for reformation rather than punishment? We profess to be a Christian nation, but if Britain were a Christian country in anything more than the name we should accept without hesitation Christ's dismissal of the Old Testament retributive doctrine of "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth" and welcome in its place His teaching of repentance and reformation.

But perhaps the strongest argument of all for the abolition of the death penalty is the fact that no lawyer or judge can be found to say that no innocent man has ever been hanged in England.

It is true that in many murder cases there can be no shadow of doubt as to where the guilt lies, but in others a man may be convicted on a mass of circumstantial evidence where doubt *does* arise.

Two kinds of murder

If the punishment were a life sentence and fresh facts came to light later, or the really guilty party confessed, then justice could be done, but when you have once hanged a man he's hanged and nothing can be done. Surely it would be better to imprison for life a hundred murderers than murder one man judicially?

I know quite well that public opinion is sharply divided on this question. One quite understands the feelings of the people who demand a life for a life, particularly as in the callous crimes which have been perpetrated lately, but I think that the opinions of the latter section might be met by a method of distinguishing between one murder and another.

A jury ought to be permitted to bring in a verdict of murder in the first or the second degree.

At the one extreme there are cold-blooded murders committed for vengeance or for profit, cases of slow and deliberate poisoning and the like.

At the other there are the terribly sad and distressing cases of the young, unmarried mothers who, first betrayed and then deserted, do away with the living evidence of their betrayal, through shame and fear, perhaps, but often because they have not the means to keep and rear their babies. In any case the members of this tragic sisterhood are not normal when they commit the crime.

But when one of them is brought up for trial and found guilty, the judge must assume the black cap and pronounce that she be hanged by the neck until she is dead.

In every case of this kind of recent years the Home Secretary of the day has granted a reprieve, but it seems to me that the passing of the sentence of death on a mother who needs pity rather than punishment is almost as great an offence as that for which doom is pronounced.

Lieut.-Comdr. the Hon. J. M. Kenworthy, M.P.

I do not expect that capital punishment will be abolished in one stride. It would almost content me if, as a first step, we established degrees of guilt. As the first step on the road to the abolition of the death penalty we might have the legal recognition of degrees of murder.

Extraordinary discrimination

Murder in the first degree would be evidenced if there was proved premeditation; no extenuating circumstances; cold-blooded and calculated crime.

Murder in the second degree would be the verdict if extenuating circumstances were evident. In this connection may I quote two cases?

William George Smith, a Hull man, murdered a married woman and was hanged. He entered the Army in 1916 at the age of seventeen and a half and served two years and eight months in France, during which time he was under heavy bombardments before the German attack in 1918 and at Passchendaele. It is quite certain that his war experiences unbalanced him to some extent.

But his character was good. He worked hard. He was a sober and a steady young man. The woman he murdered was a married woman, separated from her husband after a period of great misery, who was acting as housekeeper for an old man.

Smith was much in love with the woman, and they were saving up in order to set up a separate establishment. One day, whilst he was shaving himself, the woman confessed to infidelity with the old man and, in a fit of jealous passion, he murdered her with the razor. Then he surrendered himself to the police, was tried and hanged.

In the same week another Hull man named Hines killed his wife on discovering her infidelity. He also surrendered, was tried and found guilty of manslaughter only and got off with ten years' penal servitude.

The fairer verdict

The similarity in the cases but the different sentences in different courts aroused public opinion in Hull to such an extent that the petition which I presented to the Home Secretary for the reprieve of Smith was signed by the four Members of Parliament for that city, the High Steward, the ex-Lord Mayor, the Lady Mayoress, and a host of other high officials, merchants, shipowners and their wives, down to the poorest dock labourers and hawkers.

Would not a verdict of "Guilty in the second degree" have been fair in both cases quoted? Yet Smith was hanged and Hines lives.

As a last word, may I quote Bulwer Lytton? "The worst use you can make of a man is to hang him."

ABE. MITCHELL

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YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS,—Consistency in a good cause is always an admirable thing and so is plain truth-speaking. You speak the truth when you declare the times have been and still are bad, "in fact, rotten." But you stick to your old gospel when you declare that if the spirit of optimism is kept up we shall pull through. So we shall, providing that optimism be wedded to a strong determination to scrap the rottenness and build a cleaner world. JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. STANLEY BALDWIN, M.P., 10, Downing Street, S.W.

DEAR SIR,—I am glad you again pressed upon the people the vital urgency of recording their votes, since the citizen who, through indifference, neglects the poll is guilty of a serious dereliction of duty. Had I my way, I would disfranchise all who persistently omit to record their votes either at Parliamentary or municipal elections. An intelligent interest in politics is essential to a progressive civilisation. JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. the EARL OF BIRKENHEAD, Secretary of State for India.

MY LORD,—The English "fought like gentlemen": this is the tribute of President Hindenburg himself, and well might we return the compliment by acknowledging that the German proved himself a worthy and gallant foe. You rightly advise the combatants to bury the past in a deep and discredited grave, and I heartily agree with you that those who seek to keep alive passion and bitterness are enemies to mankind. I congratulate you on a magnificent and statesmanslike speech. JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. Sir W. JOYNSON-HICKS, M.P., Home Secretary.

DEAR SIR,—Don't you think you might have awaited the result of the enquiry into police methods before denying in Parliament that there is anything approaching "third degree" in this country? No Minister has the right to anticipate the finding of a commission appointed by himself, and I trust the members will utterly ignore the untimely hint. JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. J. R. CLYNES, M.P., St. John's Road, S.W.

DEAR SIR,—Your scathing rebuke to the Communists should echo in the hearts of all to whom the welfare of the Labour movement is vital. These extremists do not hesitate to accuse responsible leaders of deliberate dishonesty and cowardice, and it is time somebody hit back: Those who advocate bloody revolution should be treated as criminal lunatics. JOHN BULL.

To the DUKE OF NORTHUMBERLAND, K.G., Prince's Gate, S.W.

YOUR GRACE,—Your fanatical opposition to the Equal Franchise Bill proves what I have long suspected, that you were born a century or so after your time. "We can never hope to be prepared for war if more women vote," you tremblingly whine, blind to the act that in these words you have voiced the strongest possible argument in favour of the measure. JOHN BULL.

To the DUKE OF SUTHERLAND, Hampden House, Green Street, W.

YOUR GRACE,—The magnificent response to the appeal of the National Playing Fields Association proves that we are awaking to the urgency of providing open spaces for the kiddies, who have been robbed of the streets by the conquering car; and the news that the Carnegie Trustees are to donate £200 000 within the next two years is encouraging reading. You have the satisfaction of knowing that you and your colleagues are performing a work of national utility. JOHN BULL.

To His Grace the LORD ARCHBISHOP OF WALES, The Palace, St. Asaph.

MY LORD,—The old peasant, bent and toothless, father of ten children, whose weekly wage never exceeded 9s., and who told you "the beautifullest thing as God Almighty ever did was to give us the old-age pension," is a touching reminder of those old folk who through miserable red-tape are unable to benefit. Use your influence to urge the Government to amend the Act and bring them within its scope. JOHN BULL.

To Mr. H. GORDON SELFRIDGE, Berkeley Square, W.

DEAR SIR,—It is encouraging to read the view of so eminent a commercial magnate as yourself that it is no longer necessary for the potential £10,000-a-year man to go to a public school. "It's the grey matter that counts," you pithily remark. Many businesses have been ruined by men whose only claim to high position was that they had chosen their fathers wisely and had acquired an Oxford accent. JOHN BULL.

To the MEMBERS of UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, Oxford.

GENTLEMEN,—I have the fullest sympathy with youthful ebullitions of good spirits; but to stain permanently with ink a marble statue which is one of the finest examples of modern work is unforgivable. If the perpetrators of this bad "joke" had been poor lads they would have been hustled off to prison—as some of you should have been. JOHN BULL.

To Mr. P. L. WELLS, East Kent Organiser.

DEAR SIR,—Your letter to the Milton Rural District Council raises a question that needs ventilation. That this body employs men at a wage of 32s. 6d. a week of fifty-three hours is bad enough, but that it proposes to reduce this to the pittance of 24s. the moment they qualify for old-age pension is scandalous. Unless humanity is dead in the district it will be prevented. JOHN BULL.

To Mr. JAMES H. WEAGER, Leadenhall Buildings, Leadenhall Street, E.C.

DEAR SIR,—Your evidence of the immediate rise in prices caused by every new tariff is convincing because it is based on experience. The duty on steel if tariffmongers have their way will further impoverish that stricken industry. The contention that it will give employment to another 100,000 men is utter bunkum. The only way to end unemployment is by making free and open markets. JOHN BULL.

To Mr. and Mrs. C. N. SPENCER, Brigstock, Northamptonshire.

DEAR FRIENDS,—I like the cheery spirit in which you have lived your sixty years of wedded life together. That the good wife has been "the backbone of the partnership" and that her husband still sings "as much as he can and as long as he can" is a better revelation of British home life than the thousand cases that reach the law courts, because it is typical. JOHN BULL.

Straight from the Shoulder

LORD EUSTACE PERCY:—"The average English man and woman distrust an official."

What an admission that the record of officialdom has not been one to inspire trust!

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VISCOUNT CECIL:—"Without international confidence, there can be no satisfactory effort at international disarmament."

And without disarmament there can be no satisfactory confidence.

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LORD SUMNER:—"A woman's vote is as good as a man's, but I do not express great admiration for it."

Silly generalisation. Any individual's vote is worth just as much as his intelligence and no more.

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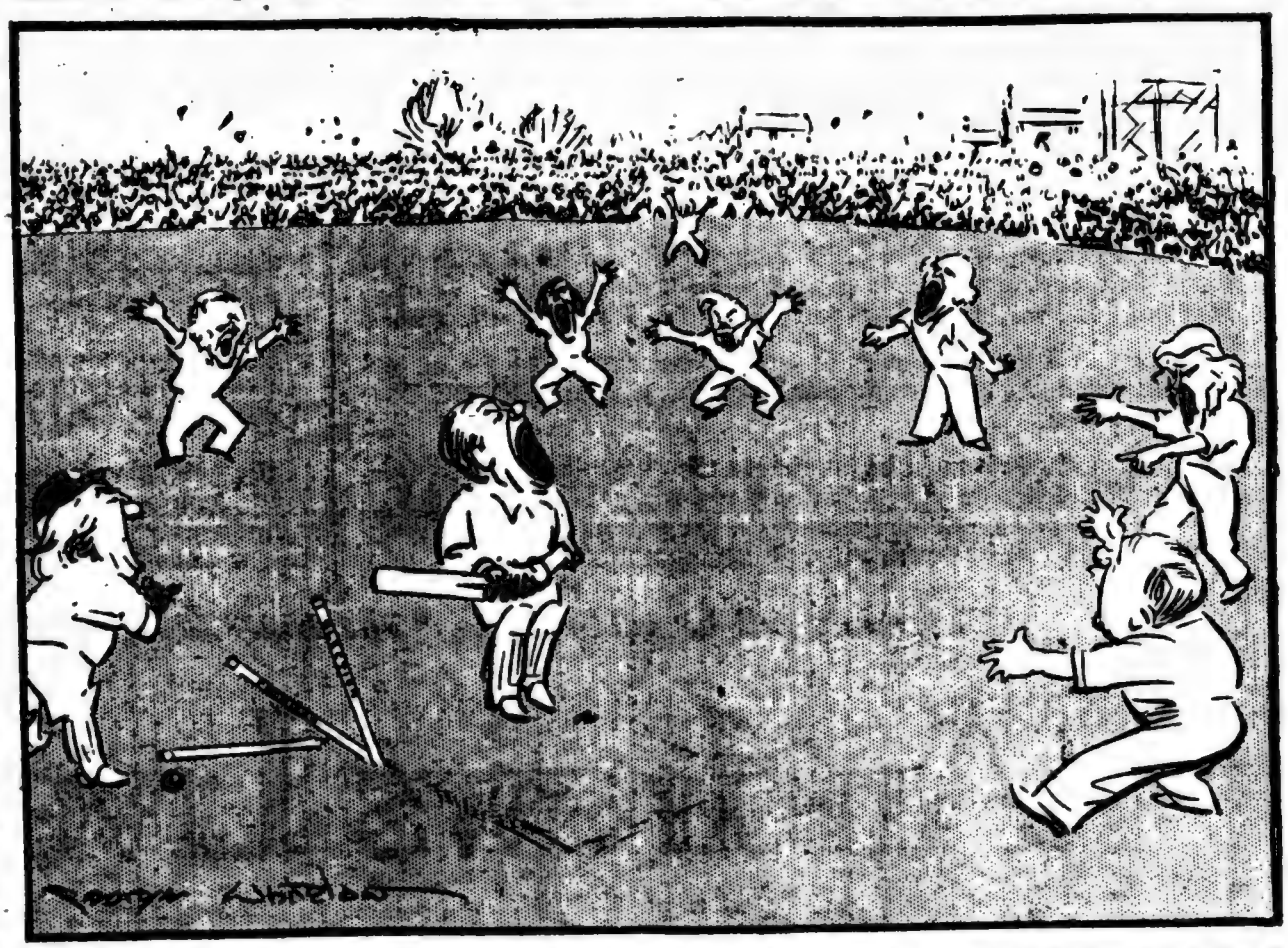
SIR ALFRED MOND:—"I am a great believer in making everybody a capitalist."

Then for heaven's sake throw your weight into ending unemployment before everybody is a bankrupt.



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The Truth About Things—by the Editor

WILL THE DONKEY KICK?

A RIOT OF RED HERRINGS

Mr. Baldwin versus The Prince

THE other day Mr. Baldwin addressed a gathering of over 70,000 people in the grounds of Welbeck Abbey. His speech was the first of the coming flood of electioneering speeches with which we shall be inundated as the General Election draws nearer.

He made some astonishing statements. He claimed, for instance, that the Government had "kept faith" with the people, and he had the nerve to say: "There is no pledge which we made which has not been tackled by this Government and in which we have not made progress."

Well, in his election address in 1924 he wrote with his own hand: "The Unionist Party would be unfaithful to its principles and to its duty if it did not treat the task of grappling with the unemployment of our people and with the serious condition of industry as a primary obligation."

What has Mr. Baldwin's Government done to solve the problem of unemployment? And is not this the same Prime Minister who promised emphatically to "cut a path through the jungle of vested interests that block the way to reform"? Where is that path?

If you wish for a very specific instance indeed of the way in which Mr. Baldwin has "kept faith" with the people, you have only to look at the fate of the Eight Hours Convention.

"While Mr. Baldwin was soothing his Bank Holiday audience at Welbeck," says the *Manchester Guardian*, "with the recital of how the Government has 'kept faith,' the British Government representative at Geneva was engaged in a practical demonstration of how little a Prime Minister's promises are sometimes worth."

THE British Government has refused again and again to ratify the Washington Eight Hours Convention and has consistently blocked all progress towards an international regulation of hours which would have more effect on labour conditions in this country than any amount of tariff tinkering.

And was it not Mr. Baldwin who solemnly pledged his Government to refrain from introducing any measure of Protection during its lifetime? Bit by bit, through the back door, duties disguised as "safeguarding" have been slipped in, and with a cynical disregard of election promises literally hundreds of things have had duties pressed upon them.

How can Mr. Baldwin possibly say with any sincerity, "We have honestly and honourably kept faith with you and those who returned us to power"? The catalogue of sins, both of commission and omission, with which we could charge Mr. Baldwin's administration is too long to attempt.

But what has he done to solve the problem of the mines? What has he done towards the relief of desolate and poverty-stricken areas? What has he done to produce the "progressive saving of ten million pounds per annum" which his Chancellor of the Exchequer so glibly promised?

IF everything in the garden is as lovely as Mr. Baldwin would have the electorate believe, how is it that the Prince of Wales, speaking at the Annual Conference of the British Legion, said bluntly, "Times have been and are still bad; in fact rotten." It does not quite square with Mr. Baldwin's easy complacency.

"At the next election," said Mr. Baldwin, "we shall find ourselves before the greatest democracy this country has ever seen. What is that democracy going to do?"

We fancy we can tell him. It is going to demand a strict record of things done and a strict accounting of things promised and not done.

We venture to prophesy that Mr. Baldwin will not be the first Prime Minister to discover that, however foolish British democracy may at times appear, it is not yet quite so devoid of common-sense as to accept words as a substitute for deeds, or so silly as to suffer for ever the inaction, if not the positive reaction, of a group of statesmen who have so wilfully thrown away the greatest opportunities for good that ever came the way of a British Government.

Looking round at the state of things in the country to-day, we can only feel an impotent amazement when we read his words: "I think I can prove to you that on the grounds of security, confidence and prosperity upon which we have been arraigned, we have improved upon the position as it was when we took office."

The Rt. Hon. Stanley Baldwin, M.P., Prime Minister: "I think it right to claim that we have honestly and honourably kept faith with you and those who returned us to power"

GIVE THEM THEIR BIRTHRIGHT!

A Striking Proposal

THE days of chivalry are not dead. It is always on tap, so to speak, in the breast of every man, from prince to peasant, who is possessed of normal mentality.

The daily record of labour, providing so many opportunities for deeds of lonely heroism, is more than sufficient proof. It is merely because this fact has never been recognised in practical politics that the world wallows in the morass of social ills from which every Government spends its time in trying to find the way out.

For the nobler instincts need educating and training before they can be fully used. It is probably with some such thought as this in mind that Sir Theodore Morison, Principal of the Armstrong College, Newcastle-on-Tyne, makes an appeal for University education for the masses.

He is not a member of the Labour Party, which gives his words the valuable quality of impartiality. Apart from that, they raise issues of such vital moment to the nation that we give them wider publicity here.

Noting that the Labour Party has suffered more from jealousy in its own ranks than from frontal attacks by its opponents, and that its leaders receive more generous treatment from outsiders than their own followers, he proceeds:

"We cannot afford to lose from English public life the fine chivalry that is bred in Universities. The son of the working man is quite as ready as the son of the patrician to recognise the nobility of chivalrous conduct, and to accept it as the standard of his own behaviour, but he must have been brought up in it, and have had its impress stamped on him in the years of adolescence."

Sir Theodore Morison pleads for a new Oxford at Birmingham and a new Cambridge on the banks of the Tyne. He wants the University idea developing where the boys and girls are already studying.

It is a tragedy that, when young men and women press forward, "trying to break their birth's invidious bar," with scholars and scientists eager to help them, the younger Universities should be crippled for funds.

It is also a blunder for which the whole country one day will pay very dearly, unless we remedy it in time.

PHEW!

A Curious Bishop

THERE are, we suppose, degrees in religion, as in everything else. These do not relate to sanctity. It is quite possible for the humblest charwoman to prove a greater saint than the most learned D.D.

But when it comes to high positions in the Church, the case is different. A bishop "must be of blameless life," but he must be a good many other things as well or it is ten to one against his attaining a bishopric.

A bishop should know the implications of the religion he engages to teach. It would also seem reasonable that he should believe them and try to convince others of their truth.

The Bishop of Gloucester, Dr. A. C. Headlam, apparently glories in doing neither one nor the other.

He has publicly stated from the pulpit of St. Paul's Cathedral that he finds no grounds in Christianity for condemning "Imperialism," that the basis of human society rests upon the power of the sword, and that a big Navy is necessary to keep society from dissolution.

He asserts that a "small knot of malicious armed men" are more powerful than a whole unarmed people, "however meritorious they may be," and that no League of Nations, Federation of Mankind, or what not, is strong enough, without plenty of guns, bombs, and poison-gas, to retain what it holds.

In other words, we are apparently expected to believe that evil is more powerful than good!

Dr. Headlam has mistaken his vocation. We hesitate, however, to recommend him to the Army, for there are men in high positions there who would shrink instantly from making such a swashbuckling boast of disbelief in all spiritual and moral power.

But we do think he should leave the Church. As a bishop he is grotesque.

Put It There, John!

by A. G. GARDINER

THE warmongers have met their Waterloo! The people of the two greatest nations have outlawed war. Democracy has won the day! Let the Governments follow up this lead, and the peace of the world will be assured

Mr. A. G. Gardiner

IN the name of JOHN BULL, I venture to say, "Thank you, Jonathan." There has been no incident since the war at once so dramatic and of such good omen to the world as the action of the American Senate in throwing out the Navy Bill.

It has done it emphatically, impatiently, contemptuously. By a vote of two to one it has said to its "Big Navy" propagandists, as Cromwell said to the Rev. Mr. Hytch, "Cease this fooling and come down."

It has done this in spite of the expressed wish of the President. The Big Navy scheme had already been torn to ribbons. It was but the shadow of what was originally proposed, and Mr. Coolidge had endorsed the modified programme.

But the Senate would not look even at the shadow. "Take it away," it said, and with that verdict reduced the Big Navy zealots to impotence, and, what is more important, to absurdity.

Monstrous scheme

I repeat that this is much the greatest happening since the war, and much the best. That it concerns us particularly is obvious. After the hash which was made of the Naval Conference at Geneva last year—a hash for which we were at least as responsible as America—there seemed the gravest probability that the two countries would drift into a naval competition, with all the consequences of bad blood, recriminations, mutual suspicions, ultimate war.

For a time the Big Navy cranks seemed to have the game in their hands. They produced a monstrous scheme which, if carried out, would have compelled us to build on a wholly new scale or to accept the overwhelming supremacy of the United States at sea.

Then something happened. First, the bloated scheme was turned down and a £54,000,000 scheme substituted. Now the whole idea of a Big Navy is blown to the winds.

Wonderful victory

What was it that happened? Simply this: the people of America rose as one man, and especially as one woman—for it is the women who have been peculiarly active—and said "No!"

The proposal was submerged by a wave of popular resentment and before that wave it has vanished from the scene. Do not tell me that democracy is a failure when it can achieve a victory of this resounding and momentous kind.

The importance of this demonstration needs no emphasis. It shows that so far as the United States are concerned all questions of naval rivalry between that country and ourselves is at an end. This fact clears the path of the most formidable peril that remained. It puts the two English-speaking races in complete accord, and makes them the joint standard-bearers in the cause of the abolition of war.

The next move is with us. In formally renouncing all thought of competing with us for the supremacy of the sea America invites us to reconsider our attitude on the subject of the right of private capture at sea.

The English view of this right is the sole disagreement that America has with us and the only argument that the Big Navy advocates of America have been able to advance for the policy which has now been rejected by the American people. Remove this grievance and that policy can never again be revived.

And there is every reason to remove it. The experience of the war has shown that the problem of our security at sea in time of war has profoundly changed, and that the right of private capture is no longer a source of strength to us, but a source of weakness.

In conceding what the Americans call "the freedom of the seas" we shall risk little and gain much. Not the least part of that gain will be the gratitude of the Americans, who as a proud and rich people naturally do not like to feel that they can use the seas for private trading only by the sanction of someone else.

The greater gain

If this is done the relations of the two countries will be finally placed on a footing of complete understanding, and the British and American Commonwealth can establish the peace of the world.

Their territory covers nearly half the earth; their wealth is more than that of all the rest of the earth; their industrial capacity is greater; in energy and initiative they are unrivalled.

Their sympathies and their interests alike coincide. They both dislike war and they both stand to lose by war. They are becoming every day more and more commercially and financially one.

The rapidity with which this movement towards Anglo-American unity is proceeding is strikingly set out in *European Finance*, by Mr. Graham Richards, who was at one time our Acting Consul-General for Mexico.

Irresistible backing

He shows to what an extent during recent years the commerce and finance of the two countries have become interwoven, how more and more American money is fertilising British industry, and how a vast system of alliances and connections is setting up in the two countries a unity of interest that alone foreshadows an outlawry of war, not merely as a moral crime, but as a material and unthinkable disaster.

All this is making the course of the politicians clear. I do not doubt the sincerity of Mr. Kellogg's motive in promulgating his outlawry of war, and I rejoice in the whole-hearted passion for peace which pervaded President Coolidge's speech at Gettysburg a few days ago.

But the impotant thing is that behind the outlawry proposal and behind the President's sentiments are the convictions of a great people and the interests of all classes. It is this moral backing that gives the outlawry scheme its weight and authority.

In accepting that scheme Sir Austen Chamberlain has done well. He was perhaps too oppressed with the desire not to leave France isolated, and the Paris newspapers hailed his reply as a death-blow to the American proposal. It is not that. It is very far from that.

Britain stands with America in this great matter, and it is for France to decide whether she will isolate herself or come into the cause of world pacification.

That cause holds the field, with the English-speaking Commonwealths as standard-bearers. John and Jonathan have joined hands and together they can change the face of the world.

Society Br

Is the law an ass? Certainly it would appear so when it tries to define gambling. Let common-sense have a turn!

CONTRAST sometimes adds spice and colour to life; helps to make life more worth living or death less unattractive.

I thought of this the other day when I read of the opening of a new gambling club. The former residence of a titled lady, it is wonderfully furnished and beautifully decorated, and it will be possible, according to the chronicler, to play bridge for stakes so low as half-a-crown per hundred points. Many titled people are included in its membership.

The Rt. Hon. Sir William Joynson-Hicks, M.P., Home Secretary

Another page of the same paper provided the contrast. There I read that whist-drives, which, according to Mr. Justice Shearman and to the knowledge of everybody else, "are held all over the country in hundreds of well-conducted places, and provide innocent amusement for thousands of people," have been declared illegal.

The dead hand of a law nearly a century old, a law passed before whist-drives were known, has come down upon them. They are the amusements of ordinary people, therefore they are not privileged.

We common people are, indeed, long-suffering, slow to anger and plenteous in mercy, or we should have kicked long ago against some of the absurdities and inequalities which exist, always to the disadvantage of the people who work and to the advantage of the people who neither toil nor spin.

For instance, I must plead guilty to occasional indulgence in the vice of cocoa-nut shying. At least it is a vice in the eyes of the law, and those who indulge in it are breakers of the law.

IT is possible, although extremely improbable, to win a threepenny nut by the expenditure of one penny, therefore it has been decided that it is the immoral and anti-social thing known as gambling, and so the law must step in.

Could anything be more absurd or unfair? Could one invent anything more likely to bring the law into contempt or within the reach of ridicule?

Fun fairs are events in the life of youth, and it would now appear that the law is out to suppress them. Who is there who is young as one judges age, or old in body but young in heart, who does

A Rotten Plank

by E. ROFFE THOMPSON

WHEN a man is ill he needs medicine and when a country is sick it needs a remedy. But an untried medicine and a remedy that has already proved dangerous may well be worse than the disease

WITH a General Election so near, any official move by the Labour Party is an event of importance to the country and the programme which the Party's Executive is going to submit to the next Annual Conference is a fact of which we must take cognisance.

It is no good anybody sneering at the Labour Party and pretending that it does not count. Neither is it any good to label it "Bolshevik" and imagine that by so doing it has been rendered powerless.

The Labour Party is a power to-day because the older and more historic Parties have failed lamentably to remedy the glaring evils that sully the fair face of our country. Indeed, had it not been for the continual pressure of the Labour Party, it is doubtful whether the other Parties would have done as much as they have.

Silly slogan squashed

When, however, despite the fact that the silly slogan of "Socialism in our time" has disappeared and given place to what is now known as "gradualism," we find that the first object of the Labour Party if it attains to complete power is going to be "the conversion of industry step by step, and with due regard to the special needs and varying circumstances, the different occupations, from a sordid struggle for personal gain into a co-operative undertaking carried on for the service of the community and amenable to its control," it is time to examine with some minuteness just what these lovely phrases mean.

In France last year the State-owned or State-operated railways lost over £2,363,000, and they are faced with the prospect of a much larger deficit at the end of the present year. The only railway profits shown were on the privately-owned lines.

They have had some experience, also, with this "conversion of industry" in Roumania, where the State railways have proved a very heavy burden indeed to the taxpayer. For the ten months ending in October, 1927, they showed a deficit of £3,222,000.

Not only that, but the State railways are heavily in debt to private industries for materials and repairs and over the whole of Roumania commerce and industry is complaining bitterly of high freight rates.

Red lights

Let us look at Austria. Here the forests, mines, posts, telegraphs, telephones and State theatres are every one of them being run at a loss, and the running of the railways alone cost the taxpayer £930,000 deficit.

But if you really want to know what ill-considered nationalisation of industries can mean, no matter how you wrap it up in beautiful phrases, you can discover by going to Australia.

The Australian Government has at last decided to sell the ships of the Commonwealth Line which was founded in 1916 and thus brought to an end one of the most futile and costly experiments in Socialism that the world has ever seen.

The fleet cost £11,730,596. It was revalued in 1923 at a figure of £4,718,150, and if to this loss is added the actual loss on working of £1,143,918, the taxpayers were mulcted of £8,156,364.

But this is not all. There must be added to this a deficit of £2,000,000 on fourteen wooden motor ships which were bought from the United States, found to be unsuitable and unserviceable and sold. Up to 1923, therefore, no less than £10,000,000 of the taxpayers' money in Australia had been lost.

All these things are red lights to any who would plunge blindly into nationalisation of industries merely because the so-called capitalisation of industries has not proved an unmixed blessing.

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Henderson, M.P., Secretary of the Labour Party

The root fallacy that pervades Socialism is the belief that white is the only possible alternative to black.

The fact that between white and black are all the colours of the spectrum in infinite gradations, any one of which might prove more suitable to the job in hand than either of the two extremes, does not yet seem to have occurred to them.

Dissension's blight

Nobody to-day could be found willing to uphold the present system of society as perfect and incapable of improvement.

Even the present Conservative Government, of which, as my readers know full well, I am not over-fond, is not without a considerable realisation of the imperfections of our social organisation, and on the few occasions when it has bestirred itself to action has made some sort of effort to mend the leaks.

The belief that society is not yet perfectly organised is not the unique possession of the Labour Party.

The truth is, of course, that the Labour Party as a single unit has ceased to exist. The very programme which its executive is now putting forward is not so much a programme as an attempt to hold together the fast disintegrating units that comprise one of the most astonishing political Parties the country has ever seen.

The left wing of the Labour Party is clearly both incapable of learning and unwilling to learn from experience. The right wing, which comprises men of the undoubted ability, sanity and balance of Mr. Philip Snowden, is not only willing but anxious to learn from experience.

Something better wanted

If I am any judge of the political tendencies it is men like Mr. Snowden who are growing more and more tired of the asinine stupidity of the amateur revolutionists and who are growing more and more ready to join hands with anybody of any Party who can offer a reasonable working solution to any of the problems that are as yet unsolved.

It is rather a saddening thought that, with an appeal to the country so near, the Labour Party has nothing to suggest except the inevitable control of everything by everybody in a slightly disguised form.

Dry bones are an unsatisfactory meal for a starving man and if the Labour Party wishes to gain the respect and belief of the electorate, without which it can never attain the dignity of real power, it will have to think of something better than that.

ge Scandal

by ARNOLD FREEMAN HOLT

not enjoy hoop-la when fair time comes round? Yet no longer can we enjoy it without breaking the law. Since one may possibly win a prize, it is gambling and, therefore, in the eyes of police pedants, the accursed thing.

THE simplicity of "Bubbles," where one catches celluloid balls in a fishing-net, has intrigued me since my first introduction to it. It also, and alas, is on the *verboten*, the forbidden list. So also is the old rifle-range if a tuppenny cigar is offered as a reward for the hitting of the bull's-eye, the "ringing of the bell."

So with the game of darts, if prizes for expert marksmanship are offered. So with all the games we enjoyed in our youth. They have been brought beneath the ban, but in patchwork fashion.

Some police authorities go the whole hog. They simply announce that no games in which prizes are given will be permitted on the fairground, and that's that. No games are played. And in the next town all these anti-social, character-destroying games are permitted.

At Felixstowe, for instance, a showman was prosecuted for running the "Bubbles" game. At Horne Bay, near by, the authorities granted a showman a long lease in order that he might exploit the same game.

At Ramsgate any game for success in which a prize is given is prohibited. At Blackpool one can win unlimited prizes, given the necessary skill, perseverance and cash.

So the game goes. I might give many such instances of the absurdity of the law and the inequality of its administration had I the space, but I have given enough.

THERE are only two points which I wish to make. One is that the law is an ass from the point of view of some of us. The other is that the law is an uncommonly clear-sighted beast in the view of others.

It can see a crime if a bricklayer throws a wooden ball at a cocoanut, but if Lady Blank wishes to play bridge for half-a-crown a hundred it does not raise even a hee-haw.

I suggest that the Gaming Acts of 1845 and 1854 and the Betting Act of 1853 be wiped out, and a fresh start made. And let us all start, whatever our station in life, on the level—from the same mark.

Let the law be in practice, as it is in theory, the same for all. Nothing is more harmful to the idea of ordered government than the well-founded belief that there is one law for the rich and another for the poor.

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A SCOTLAND YARD SECRET

by **GERALD W. BUTCHER, J.P.**

EVEN a criminal is still a human being and should be treated as such. It is no great credit to us that the motto of most prisoners is, "Once a criminal, always a criminal"

STATISTICS relating to the population of H.M. prisons suggest that crime is decreasing. Quite half of the prison establishments have been closed down, "for want of support," as an old lag once remarked.

Statistics, however, lie. Crime is not decreasing. Students of criminology, prison reformers and Home Office officials know differently; so do the police.

And why? Society lays down the thesis, "Once a criminal, always a criminal." The challenge is accepted. "Criminals must live" is the reply.

Hence there exists the extraordinary happening of an ever-increasing and more "efficient" machine for the suppression (not prevention) of crime, and a yet greater impotence in the checking of the more serious acts of lawlessness.

Implacable enemy

Suppression of crime, even within defined limits, is an almost, if not quite, insolvable problem. It is to its prevention that society, for its own safety, must turn.

I am personally acquainted with many otherwise very decent fellows who lead lives of crime because circumstances compel them to do so. This may sound strange to sophisticated, law-abiding citizens, but it is none the less true.

I once pointed out to an imprisoned professional burglar that his profession did not pay (he was in for seven years), and he promptly replied that it did when one wasn't caught.

This it is that keeps this class of criminal going—namely, the hope of bringing off something big enough to shake off for a time, perhaps for ever, the shackles of prison, and, at the same time, of social ostracism.

This man, like many others of his kind, started petty law-breaking whilst yet in his "teens," fell into the hands of the police, and received a harsh and senselessly long term of imprisonment.

During this period he was made to understand that, henceforth, society would be his implacable enemy, and that an honest living would be difficult, if not impossible, to obtain.

Chance for reform

Crime will be abolished—so far as it is possible to abolish it—by stopping the manufacture of criminals in our prisons, and by means of after-prison care. Comparatively few offenders have criminal minds when first they fall from grace.

There must be provided opportunities for the early offender to achieve mental rehabilitation (a sense of personal worth and standing in the outside world of men) while under detention and, equally important, opportunities for social rehabilitation on his discharge from prison.

Speaking as one acquainted with the various grades of prisoners and convicts in all parts of the country, I do not hesitate to say that only a small percentage of the present-day prison population would return to a life of crime if given a fair chance on release.

Consider for a moment the position of a newly discharged prisoner, the

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hateful barrier now behind, but a greater terror before.

He possesses the means to live—perhaps for a night and a day—and off he goes, rigged out in an obviously cheap and ill-fitting suit of clothes, his mind dazed by the calamity that has befallen him.

Honoured pledge

Mentally, he sees a million and more of unemployed, without the disability of having been in prison, line up for work in front of him.

Without character or reference, no trade union ticket or insurance card, no "dole," no job, perhaps no home and no friends—what *can* he do? What, I ask, would *you* do? I *know* what I might do!

An old convict once gave his word of honour to the prison governor that he would commit no further burglaries, but would try to earn a living by doing odd jobs. He was trained to "crack a crib" as readily as one might dig new potatoes, but he didn't.

By day, and sometimes by night, he tramped, seeking work, food and shelter; from Southampton to Land's End and then to Dover, where he arrived almost starving. He had promised that, should he find it impossible to obtain an honest living, he would report to the authorities.

The police took him back to the prison from which he had been discharged a few weeks previously. The ex-convict had honoured his pledge; he entered his old cell, and cut his throat.

It is not prison as such that men so much fear. Inside there are light, warmth, food enough to appease animal hunger, a place in the dry to sleep and a decided atmosphere of comradeship between the prisoners, and sometimes officers too.

But outside, for the discharged prisoner, it may be, and generally is, hell with the lid off!

Opportunity grasped

I will tell you what a discharged convict can do on leaving jail, when given a chance.

A Parkhurst convict, serving a term of penal servitude, gave me his word that, if he were given a chance to go straight on release, he would not return. His was a bad case, robbery with violence, and he had been in and out of prison for nearly twenty years.

I called together a few friends, and it was decided to put the convict to the test.

We found him a job, a house to live in, "wangled" and had stamped a trade union ticket, stamped an insurance card, arranged for him to report direct to Scotland Yard while on licence (instead of letting the local police know of the circumstances), saw him fixed up with tools of his trade, loaned him money to buy necessary furniture to house his family, introduced him to his wife (whom he failed to recognise) and then left him to his resources.

The loan was repaid regularly by weekly instalments, and the ex-convict, instead of costing the taxpayer £5 a week to keep him under restraint, is now a hardworking, honest citizen, with a house and a small, but thriving, business of his own. That was four years ago.

What could be done

What is needed in dealing with the problem of crime is an entirely new conception of its cause and treatment.

Large numbers of prisoners are weak-minded, and ought to be in hospital instead of prison; thousands of others are capable of being reclaimed by the exercise of common-sense methods of treatment while under restraint, coupled with after-prison care.

The rest—but a small proportion of the whole—who are unfit or unsafe to be at large in association with those upon whom they have been accustomed to prey, ought to be isolated in conditions of comparative freedom, such as a Community Detention Farm Colony, leading ordinary human lives and performing ordinary human occupations, with still a chance of earning ultimate freedom.

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It has been definitely laid down by all Acts of Parliament relating to the insurance of children that not more than certain sums of money shall be payable in the event of their death under the age of ten years.

Evasive schemes

Previous to 1890, or thereabouts, the only policies that were issued on the lives of children were for premiums of 1d., or 2d. per week at the most, and the policies issued were for sums within the limits allowed by the statute.

Since the latter date the companies and societies have devised all kinds of schemes for evading the law, and have issued various kinds of policies on the lives of children, which have enabled them to secure excessive premiums without taking the ordinary risks of life assurance.

In the latter years millions of policies have been issued in various forms, which in themselves are illegal, and issued in total defiance of all Acts of Parliament, but until a few days ago no action had been taken against these rich and powerful institutions.

On May 15, a decision was given in the court at Merthyr Tydfil which will have far-reaching effects on this class of business, and should put an end once and for all to the diabolical robbery which the issuing of these policies has permitted.

It is difficult to understand how parents can be induced to pay anything from 6d. to 2s. per week on policies on children *for which, in the event of death, the companies only return from 60 to 80 per cent. of the premiums paid, and on which if the holders cannot continue paying to the date of maturity they stand to lose practically the whole of the money paid.*

Far-reaching decision

There are millions of these policies in existence to-day, and during the past fifteen years millions of other policies of this class have lapsed in consequence of the inability of the parents to continue the payment.

It is clearly evident, as a consequence of the Merthyr Tydfil decision, that policyholders and ex-policyholders are entitled to the return of the whole of the moneys paid, amounting, as it must do, to many millions of pounds.

All endowment assurances on the lives of children should be absolutely prohibited, as, in our opinion, they are issued solely in the interests of the companies, and are the bait by which

Mr. W. E. Mashford, Head of the "John Bull" Industrial Assurance Bureau

the working-class mothers are induced to pay exorbitant premiums out of their meagre incomes in the hope of benefiting their children in later years.

Unfortunately, however, in nineteen cases out of twenty, they are unable to continue, and the companies pocket practically the whole of the premiums paid.

Startling discovery

To prove that there are large sums of money recoverable under this class of policy, we may say that we recently recovered the sum of £88, this representing the amount paid in premiums on three illegal policies which were in force on the life of one child.

Take another case with which we are at present dealing.

Whilst the father of the children was on active service, an agent of the company concerned called upon the wife, and induced her to take out three policies each at premiums of 6d. per week, on her three children, who were already insured for the full amount allowed.

The premiums were paid on these policies for nine years, amounting to £45, when the father discovered that the assurances were illegal.

The company lapsed the policies, and gave no return until we put down the case for hearing before the Commissioner. Rather than face the Commissioner, it paid the £45.

In another case now before us there are five such policies on one life, and the company concerned is fully cognisant of the fact that the policies are illegal, and were so from their inception.

When this fact was pointed out to the representatives, those concerned, we understand, were told *that the company was still collecting in thousands of similar instances, and would continue to do so in spite of any Acts of Parliament.*

Although in this case the mother is paying a weekly premium of 1s., the only benefits that can be paid to her before the child reaches the age of ten years are the same as those which would be given for the payment of 1d. per week.

Better investment

If the balance of 11d. were invested in the purchase of National Savings Certificates, etc., instead of paying it to the company concerned, the amount the mother could claim would be far in excess of any amount that she could hope to obtain from the company.

It will thus be seen that in this case the company is collecting a premium of 11d. per week for a period of ten years for which it cannot, and does not, take any risk whatever.

In nearly every case where children's endowment policies are issued, the amount paid in premiums during the currency of the policy at an average weekly premium of 1s. is £39, for which the child receives in return approximately £31.

If this money were invested in the purchase of National Savings Certificates, the amount the child would receive would be nearly £20 over that which the company returns.

That any group of men should, by means of wealth derived from fleecing the poor, be permitted to openly defy the House of Commons, evade Acts of Parliament, and even alter legislation (as was done when the Industrial Assurance Act was before Parliament in 1923), constitutes the gravest scandal of modern history.

Our lonely fight

We here and now make a public challenge that the companies and societies in respect of this class of policy and many others which have lapsed in recent years are withholding at least £20,000,000 which rightly belongs to the poor, and is recoverable if and when an organisation powerful enough is set up to secure justice for these hapless victims.

We wonder how much longer we alone shall be left to fight for justice for the masses of the thriftiest section of the people being fleeced daily?

Is there no political Party big enough to tackle this question wholeheartedly and fearlessly, and in such a manner that public opinion will be roused, and the nation demand in the interests of common justice that policy-holders shall be paid to the uttermost farthing the moneys which are now being illegally withheld from them?

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WHITE slave traffickers are still plying their hateful trade in this country. Their ways of working are clever and cruel. Hush-up methods are the worst possible to adopt. Publicity and warning are the safest protection

THE FIEND WITH THE NEEDLE

by Commandant MARY S. ALLEN *(Chief of the Women's Auxiliary Service)*

MOST modern girls have the sense to beware of that common pest who always seems to be with us, the plausible stranger with glib tongue and unlimited cash. Often, however, their high spirits lead them into casual flirtations, which may end in disaster unless a timely warning has been given.

What innocent girl, unless forearmed with definite knowledge, could be expected to protect herself against the peril from which I was fortunate enough to save one light-headed country girl.

While waiting one day at an important terminus, I saw a well-dressed youth scrape acquaintance with a young girl seated on one of the departure platforms. Half reluctantly, the girl accompanied her new-found friend to a café outside the station gates.

Why I followed I hardly know. When I found the couple seated in a secluded corner of the café, however, I watched keenly, and presently noticed that the girl grew drowsy.

Every man's duty

My suspicions were well founded, for as I approached the corner the young man hurriedly left the café. What parent would hesitate to warn his child if he knew certainly that she was exposed to dangers such as this?

In my opinion, it is every man's duty to aid in throwing light on such dark and subtle practices, and to demand vigorously that such things shall cease.

The white slave traffickers are still active in this country, though they dare not work openly as in days gone by.

While waiting for a tram in a crowded London street a girl was approached by a middle-aged woman who started a conversation. The girl was surprised when the woman chose the seat next to her on the top deck of the tram, despite the fact that there were many empty seats available

Presently she felt a sharp pain in her leg and turned angrily to her companion, but the latter apologised profusely, pointing to a hat pin she held in her hand. The girl did not see the small syringe the woman hastily returned to her bag.

Treacherous schemes

It was not long before the girl fainted and the woman cried out that her daughter had been taken ill, and announced her intention of calling a taxi.

To this, however, the tram conductor would not agree. His suspicions had been roused, and he insisted that the girl must recover sufficiently to decide her own actions before he let her go.

A crowd soon gathered, and in the confusion the girl's "mother" disappeared. There can be no doubt as to the evil intention of this harpy, but how often the treacherous scheme is carried out successfully no one can tell.

Incredible as it seems, during the year ending December 31, 1926, no fewer than fifty-three girls, in some cases mere children, disappeared without trace from the neighbourhood of the various docks under the Port of London Authority.

This area may be particularly dangerous, but in greater or lesser degree the same thing is going on all over the country.

Not long ago, two foreign seamen were caught in the act of smuggling an unconscious girl aboard their vessel tied up in a sack, and at about the same time a dying Lascar threw a lurid light on the matter by confessing that he had been instrumental in decoying many girls aboard ship shortly before sailing.

Under the pretext of being "shown over the vessel," the girls were induced to go on board. They were then gagged, bound and hidden in the hold of the ship.

Commandant Mary S. Allen

Few of these unhappy girls saw land again, for, according to the seaman's tale, shortly before reaching port, they were killed, and their bodies consumed in the ship's furnaces.

Whenever a case of this sort is laid bare, the natural tendency among decent-minded people is to hush up the matter, and, above all, to prevent knowledge of it coming to the ears of their children. But without knowledge how can youth hope to defend itself?

The police keep watch continually, but they expect every possible assistance from the mothers and fathers of the girls it is their duty to protect.

The Sentence of the Court

A MOUNTEBANK'S "MIRACLES"

Frenzied Faith-Healing

CHARGED with imposition, Pastor Jeffreys broke into a flood of prayer which threatened to engulf the court, what time he pranced about the dock like a dancing dervish.

It looked as if a strait-jacket would have to be employed, but the court crier conceived the idea of making his way to the public gallery and rattling a collecting-box, whereupon the flood subsided.

"As I cannot rival the accused in forensic fervour," said Mr. Watchdog, K.C., "I must content myself with a few plain facts. This man, who calls himself 'Pastor' Jeffreys, was once a Welsh miner. But some years ago he was converted—brought to 'see the light' is, I believe, the favourite phrase.

"Among other things, the 'light' revealed to him that the hewing of coals is an arduous and unprofitable occupation compared with the healing of souls, so he exchanged the pit for the pul-'pit.'

"Since then he has gone about the country holding pseudo-religious meetings and performing alleged miracles, which seem to be compounded of equal parts of bluff and blasphemy, and pathetic stories are told of cripples and invalids who have attended his barnstorming performances in the vain hope of being cured.

"Some of these poor souls are 'touched' (in more ways than one) by the accused. At other times a tank of water is requisitioned and members of the congregation (mostly women, by-the-by) submit to immersion.

"Last week the accused appeared in London, at the Albert Hall, and, after he had obliged with a 'Four-Square Gospel' faith-healing demonstration, astonishing scenes were enacted, during which men and women embraced each other and Charlestoned to religious songs.

"I will always respect other people's religious beliefs and I do not deny that the spirit of hope induced by prayer may be of assistance in curing certain ailments which have their roots in the mind rather than the body.

"But scenes like those at the Albert Hall are a travesty of religion, and immense harm may result from the inevitable disappointment which must follow the raising of false hopes by a charlatan."

Mr. Strawsplitter admitted that there had been cases in which the "laying on of hands" by Pastor Jeffreys had not had the slightest effect. The pastor did not claim to be able to cure all who sought his aid. In every case, he declared, the soul had to be purged before the body could be healed.

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"There is no more nauseating form of quackery than that which has its basis in pseudo-religious hysteria," said Mr. Justice Bull. "Whether the prisoner really believes in his own powers as a miracle-monger I am unable to say, but I have known similar cases which were due not so much to self-deception as to self-interest.

"The most pathetic aspect of the whole blatant business is that belief in the prisoner's miraculous powers is most likely to be entertained by those unfortunates whose sufferings have reduced them to such a state that they are ready to clutch at any straws—even the straws in the hair of a self-advertising mountebank.

"So as to give Jeffreys an opportunity to put into practice the advice 'Physician, heal thyself,' I will sentence him to six months' penal dyspepsia, the ailment to be induced by compelling him to eat his own words."

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Words Winged to Women

THREE RIDICULOUS FEMALES

by **MABEL HORNER**

"IF I, Love, touch the child," dreamed the mother in one of Olive Schreiner's lovely parables, "he shall not walk through life alone. In the greatest dark, when he puts out his hand he shall find another by it. When the world is against him, another shall say, 'You and I'"

IF I could, I would alter the voting laws. I would give every adult citizen a vote as a matter of human right, but I would insist that he knew what he was doing when using it.

I would compile a new "Shorter Catechism." It would be simple. And it would be framed in the interests of common-sense.

It would contain only questions on the mere A B C of politics. One would be, "Why do you want to vote?" another, "What can be done by the vote?" and a third, "How have votes for the ordinary, everyday man and woman been won?"

And unless a reasonable answer could be given to these and similar simple questions, candidates should be put back for a space and left off the rolls, until they learned a few elementary facts of their own and their country's history.

These and other reflections along the same lines have been mine since I read of the amazing case of three women summoned to serve on a jury at the Old Bailey.

The three had apparently no objection to becoming jurors as such. That is the oddity of the whole affair.

Distorted view

Had they objected because they did not believe in the operations of the law, or because they held scruples against imprisonment, or profoundly objected to capital punishment, their mentality would have been understandable, and everyone would have agreed that they were right not to be hypocrites.

But they objected to none of these things. They merely objected to going on with their duties when a case of alleged offences against young boys was to be tried.

No wonder the Recorder, Sir Ernest Wild, K.C., was both amazed and sternly indignant. "This is a case affecting the honour of young children," he said severely, "and I should have thought that ladies were the proper persons to serve."

So would everyone not an utter fool, but in spite of these strictures the "ladies" stuck to their point. They wanted to be excused *because* it was a case affecting young children!

Sir Ernest Wild rightly characterised their attitude as "very deplorable," and bluntly informed them that if the children had been girls instead of boys he would have ordered them to get on with their duties and refused to release them.

Sir Ernest Wild, K.C.

Happily, when the jury was rearranged, other women were found of a more sensible and motherly mind.

We may dismiss the three silly women who went away and leave them to their folly. The shades of the prison-house of sex inferiority are still about them.

They go away, still wearing the chains of slavery, forged upon them by long ages of domestic and economic repression, and which they refuse to cast off now that woman's way to freedom has been won.

But we cannot so lightly dismiss the results of their silliness. All they do in retreating from the court is to toss to other, more intelligent, women the burden they refuse to pick up.

All they do is to give another powerful weapon into the hands of those who seek to retain the inferiority of women and are never tired of maintaining woman's unfitness for responsibility.

For no one pretends that it is nice to serve on juries. Men usually escape it when they can. But they do it because they dislike the tedium, or because they begrudge the time from their private business, or similar reasons.

No man worth the name shirks looking evil in the face. Nor do men retire from court-rooms fearing their faces would burn brilliant with modest blushes should a case with women or girls in it be heard.

They know only too well that if they claim the privileges of citizenship they must be prepared to shoulder its more irksome duties.

Denial of citizenship

So with women. The battles waged for women's enfranchisement were long and stern.

The pioneers of women's citizenship endured every hardship, tauntings, tortures, imprisonments and death. They endured because of the ideal they had set before them.

That ideal was perfect equality of citizenship, in the law courts as well as in local governments and the Imperial Parliament. They won.

Every woman summoned to serve on a jury is as much a triumph of their victory as every woman who takes her seat in Parliament.

To refuse to occupy the place that has been bought for us with blood and suffering is a wicked denial of citizenship.

It is more. It is a deliberate betrayal of all those—both men and women—who have fought and suffered that women might at last come into their own and deal in a responsible way with matters that concern them most nearly.

But when woman goes further, and refuses to trouble her delicate ears with the story of sins that blight young children, then she does even worse. She denies that protective love that women are given to cherish, the vital instinct of motherhood itself.

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Every mighty achievement in the water has followed from his first daring. The beginnings of navigation are lost in obscurity. At first men navigated by keeping in sight of the shore. That did not serve when night fell, or the mist came, so they learned to steer by the wind.

Chart of safety

Then, bit by bit, every man learning from the other's experience, there were built up the splendid accuracy charts, compasses and scientific instruments by which mariners guide their course.

Of all guides, that born of solid experience proves the best. But what would be thought of anyone who, launching a small vessel to-day, set off without either chart or compass and only his own nose for a guide? He would be deemed a fool or a lunatic.

Yet this is exactly what thousands of people do when they set off on the troublous sea of matrimony. They are eager to launch their little household ship.

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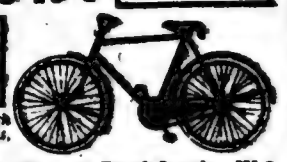

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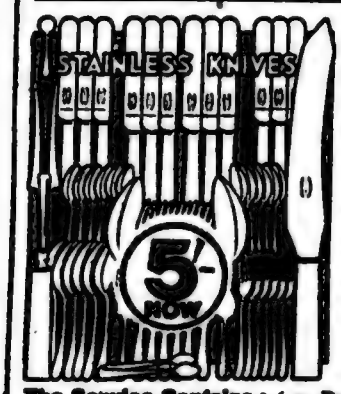

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"I made my will in her favour, so that she could have the money if I did not return.

"I wrote to her every week for the first six months, but she never wrote to me, and her callous conduct worried me a great deal more than the enemy.

"When I came home on leave, I failed to trace her, and all her father could tell me was that she was 'somewhere in England' and happily married.

"When the war ended, I settled in North Wales, and seven years ago married a friend of my boyhood. We have one child, and we are very poor.

"A FEW weeks ago a new proprietor took over our village hotel, and when I called to fetch brandy for a sick neighbour, I received a shock, for the lady who served me was my former fiancée.

"She recognised me, and hurriedly scribbled a note saying she would meet me after closing hours. We met, and I found that she was married to the hotel proprietor and was very comfortably off.

"When I requested the return of my £150 she burst into tears, and told me she had only a small weekly allowance from her husband, and that if he knew she had once been engaged to a common labourer he would leave her at once.

"Human nature is very strong, and it galls me when I pass her with her child finely dressed, when my wife has to make her old clothes do for our daughter.

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"WHILST my father was in the Army, my mother died, leaving me at the age of thirteen with charge of a sister of eleven, a brother of nine and a baby sister six weeks old.

Little Mother

"Until my father was demobilised, we stayed with relations; then I kept house for the family. My father died of consumption three years later.

"Before he died, father put in a claim for a pension and made a will, leaving Mrs. H., a lady friend, sole executrix.

"When the pension came through, I was too old to benefit, the next girl was sixteen, my brother died two years after my father, so there was only my little sister, Hilda, drawing the weekly pension.

"I had to look for work, and Mrs. H. decided to send Hilda to school. I did not want to part with her after having mothered her so long, and I was stunned when, suddenly one afternoon, she was sent to an orphanage.

"I felt I had lost everything in the world, but consoled myself by going to see her as often as my means allowed.

"One week-end when I wrote to tell my sister I was coming, one of the Sisters in charge of the orphanage replied, saying that the Pensions Committee had removed Hilda and that she knew nothing about her.

"I went to the pensions office and interviewed a lady, who said she was not allowed to divulge the address, but that, under the pensions authorities, Hilda was boarding with a lady and gentleman who had one little girl.

"Do you think it is just that I, the only mother my little sister has known, should be treated thus?"

"HUMANIST" says: *It is heartless treatment of both you and your little sister. Write to the Minister of Pensions, Whitehall, S.W.1, explaining the circumstances, and if you do not get permission to visit Hilda, write to me about it.*

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"TWO years ago I was courted by an Irishman. When I told him I was expecting a baby, he cooled off, saying he did not think he could marry me, as he doubted if he would always be in work.

A True Pal

"I told no one excepting a friend I had known for years, who proved herself to be a pal anyone could be proud of, and we decided I should go away.

"I worked up to six months before my baby was born, and then went away amongst strangers. But I could not get over the fact that my baby had no name and that my girl friend had had to bear some of the expense of my confinement. I was trying to clear off my debts.

"I put my baby boy out to nurse, and when he was four months old he died. How terrible for even an unmarried mother not to be able to nurse her baby when he is ill! But I had to earn the money to keep him, paying 12s. a week out of my 25s.

"When I returned to my native town, I found that the Irishman had disappeared. I felt very bitter over his meanness in leaving me to suffer so much. There were times when only the thought of my girl pal kept me from killing myself.

"How can I find this man, and is it too late now to make him pay my expenses incurred over baby?"

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"When on holiday, I foolishly got into the way of drinking to excess. The doctors state that my organs are sound, but that I am suffering from a nervous upheaval. Should I give up my good indoor position and go to my people, where I feel much better, or fight it out here?"

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"A friend of mine has a daughter, aged nineteen, who became a mother last August. On her way home one night, she was molested by a man, and was too afraid to tell her parents about it. When her mother found out, it had happened too long ago for them to trace the man, and the girl states she would not be able to recognise him. Up to the present the girl's mother has looked after the boy whilst she was at work. But this cannot continue. Where would you advise the child being sent?"

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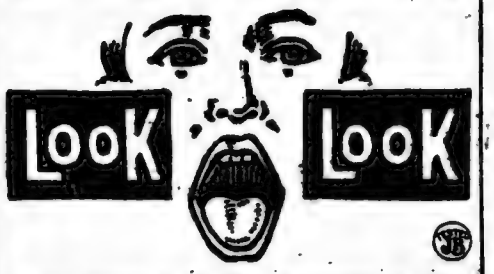

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Our Letter Parliament

Britain's Black Hole

Foiling Blackmailers—Wealth from Waste—Church and War

MR. E. ROFFE THOMPSON'S article, "Who's Ruining 1928?" (JOHN BULL, May 26), deserves widespread publicity. The present conditions in South Wales, for instance, beggar description. Once prosperous towns and villages are now in a state of famine. Meanwhile the Government boasts of its achievements. Several leading English cities have adopted French war-stricken towns. Who will adopt the Rhondda Valley?—*C. S., Tottenham.*

Land and Labour

A Ministry of Agriculture return shows that last year the area of arable land decreased by 237,838 acres, nearly double the reduction recorded in 1926, while a corresponding decrease in agricultural workers took place. As Mr. E. Roffe Thompson points out, the relationship between unemployment and the utilisation of land is an intimate one, a fact confirmed by a study of the general unemployment figures.—*L. W., London.*

Easy to Talk!

In the local Y.M.C.A., a visitor heard boys talking about the goods they had stolen from the market-stalls. When he remonstrated with them he was answered thus: "You talk about being good when you've been unemployed for months, your dole's finished, your mother's on poor relief, and you haven't a decent cap, tie, pair of socks or boots to wear!"—*M. R., Barnsley.*

Wake Them Up!

Until our legislators are awakened to the grave menace of the land monopoly, slumdom, unemployment and disease will claim their victims. I am sending Mr. E. Roffe Thompson's article on to my local M.P., and feel convinced that a million reminders in the same manner from your readers will at least help to make Westminster act.—*M., Devon.*

Too Tragic!

For many years, by way of economy, my wife has bought empty boxes, which I have broken up to provide firewood. But so many young men out of work are coming night after night selling firewood that for some time we have been buying from them to help them. I suppose if I were wealthy I should have a plate on the gate with the words, "No hawkers."—*Sympathy, Lancashire.*

"John Bull" Sermons

If the majority of persons preached sermons similar to that of Mr. E. Roffe Thompson's article, we would find ourselves making rapid progress towards becoming a Christian and civilised country. However, the clergy are more concerned about their own so-called "poverty," and have become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal.—*M., Kilsyth.*

Held Up!

The truth of your contributor's conclusion that the landlord is this country's Old Man of the Sea is exemplified by the fact that a Glasgow scheme for supplying houses to respectable artisans at a rent that they can pay is held up because of the difficulty of acquiring land at a price that would allow of it.—*W. J., Scotland.*

A Puzzle

How is it that the Government, with such an overwhelming majority, can view without acting the triple evils of the land hunger, the unemployment tragedy and the assurance ramp? Surely the evidence you have given is sufficient, yet the Government remains inactive. The ordinary man can only assume that it is afraid or unwilling to tackle these problems.—*N., Durham.*

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Doves or Vultures?

After reading Mr. Thompson's article, one is appalled at the existence of such callousness. To all thinking Britons, whether rich or poor, there arises a feeling of shame that such cruelties should be perpetuated in a country bearing the name "Christian." One hopes that these things have been committed in ignorance, but if done consciously let us cease any longer from hypocrisy, close our churches, refrain from the expounding of Christian tenets and be openly vultures.—*A Coalminer, Swansea.*

"Never" or "Ever"?

In this county alone, out of 135,313 children attending elementary schools, 1,186 of them are without boots and 12,277 have boots in name only; 1,300 have clothing that is scanty and almost useless, while 4,167 have clothes in a very bad state. In addition, 2,368 children under five years old are without boots and clothing. We have just celebrated Empire Day, and the children sung "Britons never shall be slaves"!—*M. S., Birtley.*

Take Warning!

One of the most cruel pieces of tyranny ever exposed is that of people in London enticing Welsh servant girls to come to London, pretending to pay their fare, then subjecting them to petty unkindnesses, sometimes even to possible loss of honour, and then exacting from them the fare advanced, until these girls, terrified, run away or steal. One hopes many Welsh girls will read these pitiful stories and take due warning.—*R. E., Birmingham.*

Why Submit?

"W. T." (JOHN BULL, May 26) objects to plain clothes police in Hyde Park on the ground that certain blackmailers pose as such, but if the accused is innocent why submit to blackmail. If guilty he is only admitting the need of the police surveillance which he so much resents. Many a tragedy has happened in the lives of young people which would have been avoided had police supervision in parks been stricter.—*C., Edinburgh.*

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Wicked Waste

The other day a morning paper stated that there is still a restaurant in London which serves wine at £7 a bottle. If some of these wine-bibbers would go without this extravagance and send the money so saved to South Wales there would be fewer hungry bellies in that district.—*W. A., Plumstead.*

A Great Triumph

In your recent appearance as defendants along with Mr. Moseley in the *Matchmaker* libel case you have undoubtedly scored a great triumph. It is cases like these that give increased confidence to your readers and make even the doubtful ones realise that here is a paper that is out to denounce the wrong in the interest of the people.—*F. R. S., Smethwick.*

It Can be Done!

Has Miss Mabel Horner heard of Liverpool's way in providing the poor with playing-fields? Not so very long ago, the chief local newspaper organised a fund, and despite a feeble protest from a few "gentlemen," the readers and many school children responded, so that the sum appealed for was realised within a few weeks, and the playing-fields were purchased.—*Liverpudlian.*

Helping Hospitals

Large quantities of "silver paper" are being converted into cash by our hospitals. I feel sure a market could be found also for other kinds of waste material—old safety-razor blades and gramophone needles, for instance. The latter are used by joiners and house-decorators. Broken sewing-needles are used by cabinetmakers. I suggest our hospitals should explore the possibilities of "scrap."—*J. G., Montrose.*

Saving Sacrifice

The poison-gas catastrophe at Hamburg comes as a terrible demonstration of the brutal horror of war at a time when the nations seem to be engaged in a genuine attempt to renounce it for ever. If it has the effect of bringing home to the various nations the wickedness of storing such filth to the cost of innocent people in peace time, the lives of the unhappy victims will not have been sacrificed in vain.—*A. K., Birmingham.*

Too Hasty

Mr. Henry R. Aldridge (JOHN BULL, May 26) raises an interesting point. It is all very well for authorities to condemn slums, or any dwellings, as unfit for habitation without providing alternative accommodation. People don't live in pig-sties from choice. They do so owing to the scarcity of houses or high rents. There are too many demands for ejectment orders without evidence of other accommodation being provided.—*H. B., Steyning.*

Love or Fight?

Here is a paragraph concerning an organisation whose object, the Church blandly informs us, is "the advancement of Christ's kingdom among boys"; "The Church Lads' Brigade was the first boys' organisation to be recognised as a cadet corps, and to-day forms more than half of the entire cadet force. By arrangement of the War Office, members of the C.L.B., on reaching military age, are drafted from all parts of the country into a special battalion of the King's Royal Rifle Corps." This is an institution that teaches boys to follow Christ, Whose greatest commandment was "Love one another"!—*G. R. C., Parson's Green, S.W.*

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JURISDICTION FOR THE OAKS

May Upset a Royal Victory—Whirlwind Well Named—Mon Talisman Coming for Ascot—Winners at Epsom and Hurst Park

I DO not intend to say much about the Derby as the great race will be over by the time this issue of JOHN BULL has reached every corner of our tight little island. Up to the time of going to press my faith in Fairway is unshaken, and I think we shall see his name added to the scroll of famous winners. The 1, 2, 3 which I gave last week stand.

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THE final forfeit for the Oaks resulted in a bigger slaughter of the innocents than was generally anticipated. As far back as November, 1926, 287 fillies were entered for the Ladies' race—seventeen remained. Probably the presence of His Majesty's Scuttle, Toboggan and Jurisdiction—a trio which appear to stand out—were responsible for forty-four going out at the last stage. Still, there does not seem any prospect of a turn-up, unless Guadiana can do the trick.

I WENT outright for Scuttle some weeks before the Guineas, thinking that Toboggan would be favourite, and that I was giving a nice four or five-to-one chance. However, The Royal filly was all the rage at the last moment and proved a clever winner. She will be a good favourite once more—too good for the small backer—and I suggest Jurisdiction, each-way, as a better bet.

GORDON RICHARDS will ride Lord Dewar's filly, and I think she is quite likely to prove the better stayer of the two. She stuck to Scuttle like a leech in the Guineas and had not had the benefit of an outing this season.

Gordon Richards

J. DINES received a cheer when he won the Piccadilly Plate at Hurst Park on Whirlwind. The cheer was for his pluck, as after the colt had dislodged him before the start and then, when remounted, tried to make a meal of one or two of the constables' hacks, he was ignored in the market; most of the layers had a skinner.

WHIRLWIND'S antics were put down to temperament. Something must have annoyed him, but we have evidence on every hand that highly-trained horses are temperamental. King Edward's Diamond Jubilee would not do anything for anybody except his stable lad, H. Jones, who is still referred to as Diamond Jubilee Jones.

I DO not suppose St. Amant would have won his Derby but for the thunderstorm that reigned as the race was won. Epinard was always tractable providing he had a companion, and when he went to America his pal accompanied him. Kemp, the Epsom trainer, has a jumper, Rosy Sun, who is very susceptible to music! If they played a barrel-organ on the course the gelding might win a race.

FRANK BARE was heavily backed in Whirlwind's race. The French-bred finished fourth, and I fancy he will be popping up in the near future. The gelding shows traces of having been fired on both forelegs. This was done, I believe, before Stanley Wootton purchased him. As a rule, flat-race trainers do not care for horses that have had the irons on their forelegs, although any number of them so treated win races over the jumps.

ARABELLA was my code selection for the Speedy Plate at Windsor and, as a descendant of the peerless Pretty Polly, she won in the Pretty Polly way, in a hack canter. A number of backers were sighing for the "Tote" after the race. 11 to 10 in a field of twenty-four, with a second favourite at 9 to 4, appeared to be a cramped price, but they can take it from me that with the "Tote" in operation Arabella would have been odds-on, in spite of the big field. Outside the two I have mentioned hardly a bet was struck. The filly should be backed at Ascot.

A READER has asked me if I can tell him anything about sealed nominations, as he noticed one was recently scratched from an Ascot engagement. There are usually one or two entries of this description for the Gold Cup, but they are allowed in the conditions of several of the races at the Royal meeting. The envelopes are opened round about Oaks day, but really there is not much point about a sealed nomination. The Press is so well informed that if an owner has a horse of any merit in his stable it is soon noised abroad.

WHEN I was at Hurst Park a few months ago a number of well-known and unknown French horses were due to compete in the chief event, and the form of each was given on the race-card. Several visitors remarked at the time that it was a clever idea. Again, over the recent Bank Holiday, a space was provided to the left of the horses' names for the insertion of the jockeys. This is a help to punters and might easily be copied by other executives.

STILL they come. I have received complaints from readers who are unable to obtain winnings from W. R. Olver, 31A, Matheson Road, West Kensington. Olver's method of getting rich quickly is to ignore winning claims. He has been reported by Tattersall's Committee to the Stewards of the Jockey Club, and is best left alone until he mends his ways.

SUMMER visitors to Paris racecourses had better note that the Pari Mutuel returns are now unified, the receipts being pooled from all the enclosures and a common return made to a five-franc stake. English visitors to the *pesage* where ten francs is still the staking unit may find this confusing unless they bear in mind that they are entitled to draw for each ten-franc ticket twice the amount shown on the indicators. Unification will soon apply to all France, and if we have the "Tote" it will be adopted over here.

KOKO failed miserably when making his *debut* in his new owner's colours at Enghien, but he is being trained for the big 'chase at Auteuil on June 17, and course and distance will suit him better. It was the fast pace over an easy course that beat him at Enghien. At Auteuil he will have to meet his former stable companion, Jerpoint, and it is possible that the race will be a duel between them. Both are fancied.

MON TALISMAN, who has been held up by hard going, is now on the move again, and the son of Craig an Eran is expected by my French Correspondent to be a formidable competitor at Ascot unless the ground should be unduly hard. He has been especially trained for the Royal meeting.

STANLEY WOOTTON should be worth following at his home meeting. I note that Pedlar, who caused a stir in the market last time out, and proved an easy winner, is engaged in the Horton Plate, and I suggest a little on Miss Avarice, backed like a certainty at Bath.

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THE field for the Coronation Cup is a little uncertain for the moment, but I should not oppose Book Law if started. Next to Lord Astor's charming filly I like Foliation and the unbeaten Kincardine, whom I understand is a certain starter.

I CODED Ellanvale when she beat a big field last week, and I notice the youngster crops up again on Friday in the Acorn Plate. Jarvis' smart two-year-old will not beat Tiffin. Gipsy King may win again, and I advise a little on Thackeray, a good winner at the City and Suburban meeting.

FOR the Saturday smile at Kempton, I suggest Frank Bare in the Windsor Castle Plate. Baytown, the Irish Guineas winner, should take the Bendigo Plate, and I shall not be surprised if Sky Glory colt pops up in the Redfern Stakes. Lord Glanely's youngster was heavily supported last week.

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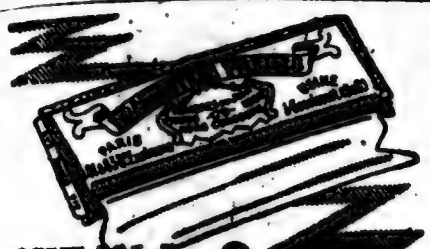

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S. M. (Dudley).—"What drives men to drink?" Thirst.

H. W. (Clacton).—"What are night birds?" Gay dogs.

F. K. (Bewdley).—"Is gold the hardest metal?" Yes; to get.

LODGER (Brixton).—"How can I get better quarters?" Get a better half.

MRS. S. (Fulham).—"I took him for better or worse." But are you sure he can get worse?

P. R. (Chelmsford).—"Men no longer hide behind women's skirts." Neither do women.

P. R. (Stoke).—"You sit on every joke I send you." That's because they have no point.

T. K. (Bath).—"What really is an optimist?" One who makes the best of it after getting the worst of it.

C. G. (Balham).—"You haven't given me your opinion of my verses." We couldn't—we have no opinion of them.

B. L. (Hexham).—"My daughter is always dressing up." Give her a dressing-down.

MARY (Leeds).—"He proposed to me although he had only known me a couple of hours." Perhaps that's the reason.

W. F. (Glossop).—"I have supported a large number of charities." Have you kept all the flags?

W. Y. A. (Pershore).—"What is a good friend?" The chap who warns you when he knows the warning will offend.

J. G. (Lancaster).—"Whatever militant feminists may say, man was made first, and woman after." And she has been after him ever since.

WORKER (Euston).—"What is the good of teaching mathematics in schools nowadays?" It comes in useful when dividing up one's wages.

V. J. (Enfield).—"What would you think of a lady who smoked a pipe in a crowded railway-carriage?" We should think she wasn't.

H. P. C. (Beccles).—"One meets few girls of the pensive type nowadays." No; they're mostly of the ex-pensive type.

"BLUE-RIBBONITE" (Highbury).—"Strong drink, sir, is the curse of the country." But where can you get any, nowadays?

N. P. R. (Holborn).—"My last letter was written with a pen belonging to a local post-office." Thanks for explanation; we thought you had been trying to copy the inscription on the base of Cleopatra's Needle.

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J. D. (Lincoln).—"I am a good cook and capable." Of cooking or anything?

G. T. (Worksop).—"Do you know where I was born?" No, nor why.

G. T. (Bath).—"The more I see of her——" The more you see of her, of course.

P. O. (Cork).—"Shall I be able to buy Cork newspapers in London?" No, only paper ones.

S. N. (St. Ives).—"I am in difficulties—up a gum-tree, in fact." Don't stick there.

B. D. G. (Oxford).—"Ere we part ——" For our part, we have no intention of parting.

T. B. (Buxton).—"A 'bus ran into my new car." Did it damage the first or the second instalment?

MRS. N. (Selby).—"My daughter falls in love with every film star." Sentimentally defective!

D. N. S. (Frome).—"I worry about my debts." It is your creditors who should do that.

S. G. (Crawley).—"My car will go fifty to the gallon." Miles, pedestrians, or stops for repairs?

L. C. (Blackburn).—"I couldn't live without my wife." Some men can't live with theirs.

J. McL. (Darlington).—"I am sending you some 'copy.'" And we know where you copied it from.

M. N. S. (Nottingham).—"Which is the month for slush London way?" To judge by our letter-bag, every month is.

H. M. (Matlock).—"The man who hesitates is often lost." And the woman who hesitates is frequently won.

G. W. (Stockport).—"I am a man of letters." And how long have you been a postman?

A. M. (Liverpool).—"I can bear any pain." Just wait till you try painless dentistry!

P. V. (Oldham).—"My friend, a manufacturer, had a big fire." Did he deserve it?

DRAMATIST (Hampton).—"My new play is finished." Do you mean it has recently been produced?

T. C. (Shipley).—"He threw a large stone through the bank window." Must have thought he was an Ancient Briton paying in to his account.

E. F. (Flint).—"My wife went to the Derby, but had nothing on." Great Scott!—have fashions come to that, now?

A. M. (Bootle).—"What is the most remarkable thing about popular Budgets?" That they are so very unpopular.

N. B. (Farnborough).—"Fresh salmon should always be a rosy pink." It should indeed if it has the grace to blush for the price charged for it.

L. W. J. (Norwood).—"How would you describe an editor?" He's the fellow who keeps things like yours out of his paper.

MRS. A. (Folkestone).—"I told my husband all my clothes were becoming shabby." We wager the brute retorted they were becoming.

M. S. (Widnes).—"The tea tasted like ditch water." How do you know?

TYRO (Leeds).—"I have no money." Brains are a good alternative.

BOB (Southend).—"I know she'll accept me if I propose." Why propose then?

J. G. (Leicester).—"The letter 'P' is lucky to me." Pass, ass!

P. D. (Wallingford).—"What actual good does the moon do on earth?" It keeps love and the song-writers alive.

NINA (Portsmouth).—"He swears he'll be true to the last." But how if you aren't the last?

P. J. D. (Thames Ditton).—"What do you do when driving a car if it starts to thunder and lighten?" We let it.

P. J. (Kensington).—"What determines whether the meal is a 'lunch' or a 'luncheon'?" The bill.

O. P. T. (Worcester).—"Women are succeeding as architects." But they always were the designing sex.

N. D. (Kensington).—"What does this wet, cold weather portend?" That summer has really set in at last!

COLONIAL (Clacton).—"I always carried my shooter out there." And a pocket full of peas?

W. W. (Sugden).—"Why don't you have more articles on money matters?" Because everybody knows it does.

MINNIE (Keswick).—"When staying at the seaside I saw a whale wash up." Did it break any crockery?

F. C. (Reading).—"The Derby didn't worry me—I drew a blank." Worry out a good *Bullet* and draw £400 this week.

E. T. R. (Ponder's End).—"Good books are the best friends." Especially bank-books with a good big balance.

K. K. (Horton).—"He sold me the business as a flourishing concern, but all I found was a long, empty chicken-run." At least you got a run for your money.

N. H. L. (Aylesbury).—"When you ask him how he is, he delays you for an hour to tell you his ailments." In future, ask him how he isn't.

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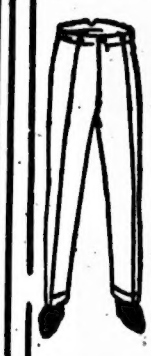

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"I do not know where to turn, or what to do. The rent has not been paid for weeks, and I feel as ill as it is possible to feel, but have to get about.

"Were I only well enough I would go and see the relieving officer myself, but I cannot get that far. The doctor states that I must not go out until after my confinement, as I am subject to fits.

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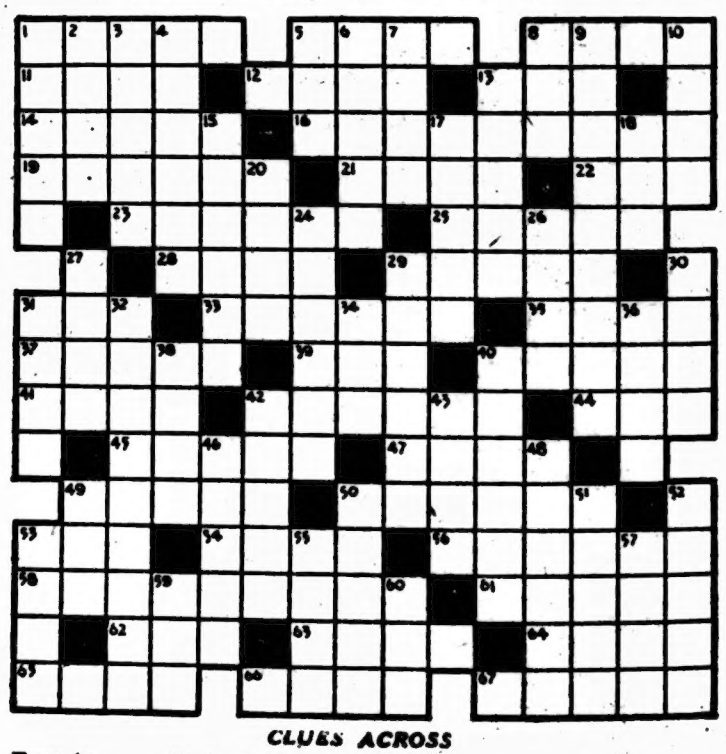

CLUES ACROSS

1. Town in Somerset.
5. Crippled.
8. A hash.
11. Tart fruit.
12. A promontory.
13. Human organ.
14. Correct.
16. Birth.
19. Repossess.
21. Tear.
22. A vessel.
23. To address.
25. Foolishly fond.
28. Famous college.
29. Centre of a spiral staircase.
31. To deprive.
33. Joined.
35. An oblong hole.
37. Fright.
39. Earthenware vessel.
40. A small monument.
41. Passed.
42. Male relative.
44. To accoutre
45. Prevent.
47. Ould Oireland.
49. Central European race.
50. Real.
53. To be ill.
54. Ancient Syrian city.
56. Bristly.
58. Having no backbone.
61. Grain stalks.
62. Consume.
63. To pack.
64. Den.
65. Light.
66. A pace.
67. Glutinous matter.

The solution of our last week's Puzzle will be found on p. 2.

CLUES DOWN

1. An unsteady light.
2. White frost.
3. Last letter of Greek alphabet.
4. To threaten
5. To lick up.
6. Separate.
7. Simple.
8. Seated.
9. Wayfarer.
10. Sharpen.
13. To invest.
15. Authoritative assertion.
17. Terminated
18. To gossip.
20. Mid-day.
24. Sharpshooter.
26. Try.
27. Horse and ball game.
29. Lower.
30. Hunted animal.
31. Fume.
32. Cartridge belt.
34. Upper surface.
36. Medley.
38. A bobbin.
40. Washy beer.
42. Pertaining to the nose.
43. God of love.
46. To produce.
48. Stinging plant.
49. A seed.
50. Semi-fluid mass.
51. Pertaining to dew.
52. Land of the Hebrews.
53. A Continent.
55. Eagerness.
57. To navigate.
59. Negative.
60. Liquid food.

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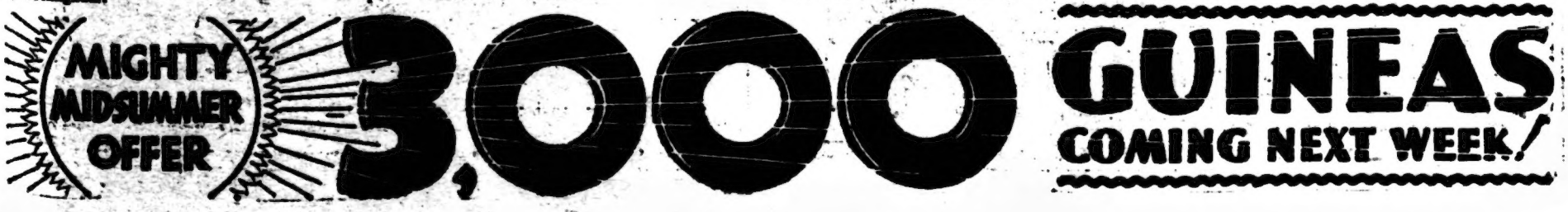

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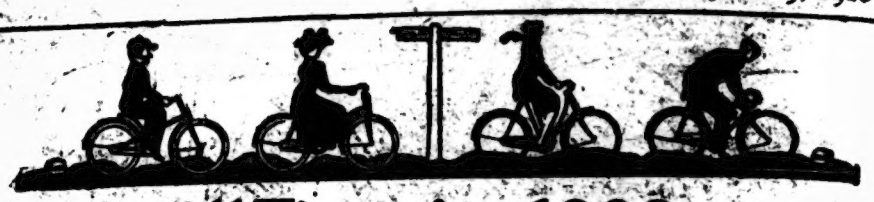

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